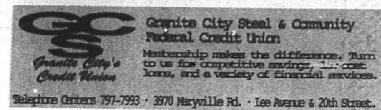




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FIFTY CENTS

Sex offender may get indefinite sentence

By Curtiss A. Hartley
Staff writer

The state's new Sexually Violent Persons Commitment Act was tested Friday morning in a Madison County court.

NEWS AT A GLANCE

Stille dead at 70

Robert "Bob" Stille, 70, died at about 9:30 a.m. at Barnes-Jewish Hospital in St. Louis from non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, a slow-growing form of cancer that the Edwardsville Township supervisor had battled for four years.

Bob Stille, a Democrat, was elected to the County Board in 1984, and fellow board members held a moment of silence when they were informed during Wednesday's meeting that he had died.

Y2K compliance assured

Granite City residents are being reassured that the anticipated year 2000 computer glitch will not leave them without electricity or emergency service.

"I have a positive attitude that the city will not experience any Y2K problems," said Ray Schultz, the city's emergency services coordinator.

Schultz spoke at the Granite City Council meeting Tuesday evening. He was asked by Mayor Ron Selph in January to contact utility companies to check their status on Y2K. Each company reported that it would be Y2K-ready by June.

Fire station plans moving ahead

The city of Madison is moving ahead with plans for a fire station. The Council on Tuesday approved seeking qualifications from architectural firms interested in designing the station, which would be located near the city's Third Street ball diamond. The property is the former junior high school site.

State might commit repeat sex criminal permanently

room. Associate Judge James Hackett ruled that there was sufficient evidence that Michael Lewis, 45, of Granite City would commit his crimes again. The judge ordered that

Lewis be held for trial to determine if he should be locked away for good.

Assistant Attorney General David Stanton filed the petition Tuesday, two days before Lewis was due to be released

from Robinson Correctional Center.

Stanton is using the statute in an attempt to commit Lewis to the care of the Department of Human Services indefinitely. The petition alleges that

Lewis, convicted in 1997 of aggravated criminal sexual abuse, is a sexually violent person likely to offend again.

The new trial is scheduled for June 21. Hackett declared Lewis

indigent and appointed Rand Hale of East Alton as his defense attorney. Niel Hawkins, first assistant public defender, said that the statute provides for the defense of the accused, but that Madison County courts decided not to use the public defend-

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SWIDA appeals court ruling

Asks court to reconsider decision

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

The Southwestern Illinois Development Authority has filed a petition asking a state appellate court to reconsider its decision in a lawsuit involving the agency's use of "quick-take."

A clerk with the 5th District Appellate Court in Mount Vernon said attorneys for SWIDA filed the petition Thursday.

In a ruling handed down April 29, the court ruled that SWIDA exceeded its authority in using "quick-take" powers to seize land belonging to National City Environmental LLC and then selling it to Gateway International Raceway.

The court said that in that case, the agency improperly used its eminent domain powers - the power to take private property for a public use, such

as a road - for the economic benefit of one company, GIR.

In a separate concurring opinion, one of the justices hearing the case argued that the legislation giving SWIDA that power was unconstitutional.

The 144-acre property is owned by NCE, also known as St. Louis Auto Shredding Co., but SWIDA used its eminent domain powers to take possession of the property and sell it to the raceway, which wants to build a large hotel and other property. Developing that parking facility is seen as very important to the raceway's expansion plans.

Attorneys for NCE argued that the land could be taken only for a public use, rather than to benefit an individual company such as the raceway.

The court agreed with the company, stating that "the expansion of Gateway parking is a private use, rather than a public use. Notwithstanding any incidental economic benefit."

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Popilchak honored

Music instructor awarded Teacher of the Year

By Michael Heil
Staff writer

Alicia Popilchak is as innovative as a person can be when music is involved.

Three years ago she started a music technology program in the Granite City School

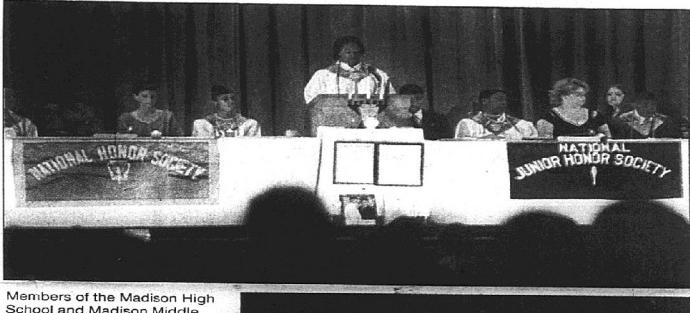
District that has enabled her to teach elementary school

students music composition through computer software. Other teaching tools she uses include pianos, keyboards, xylophones, bells, kazoo and even hand-wreckers, plastic tubes students blow into to create tunes.

Because of her innovative teaching abilities and dedication to her students, Popilchak was named the 1999 Sam's Club/Wal-Mart Grant Teacher

See TEACHER, Page 7A

Madison Honor Societies recognized



Members of the Madison High School and Madison Middle School Honor Societies were recognized Wednesday evening during an induction ceremony at the high school. Above, Tia Fuller, treasurer of the high school group, gives a speech. At right, Historian Mike Wall lights a candle during the ceremony. Both are seniors. Twenty-eight students were recognized during the ceremony.

Scott Cousins photo



Official proposes bridge name

Easterly: New Mississippi bridge should be named after Harmon

By Larry Ingram
Staff writer

If St. Louis Mayor Clarence Harmon would get on board with the plan for a new

Mississippi River Bridge, Illinois Department of Transportation District Engineer James L. Easterly said he would agree to name

the new bridge after the mayor.

Easterly made his comment at a FOCUS St. Louis panel discussion on transportation issues in Illinois Wednesday at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville.

Easterly and James Pennekamp, executive director of the Leadership Council Southwest Illinois, agreed that the city of St. Louis is becoming a roadblock to

progress on the proposed new bridge.

Easterly, Pennekamp, and St. Clair County Board Chairman John Baricic were participants in the panel discussion.

"Six weeks ago they said they would have a plan in two weeks," Easterly said.

"A decision is necessary to compete for transportation

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Police Blotter

Granite City Police

• UNLAWFUL USE OF WEAPONS: An 18-year-old fired a small handgun at the 3100 block of Benton Thursday afternoon, hitting a hole in a bird cage located next to the front door of a home. The cage was repaired and cost \$500.

The incident occurred about 3:24 p.m., and the gun was fired from an apartment adjacent to the house. No shooting or other investigation as police said criminal damage, reckless conduct and unlawful use of weapons charges were filed.

• BURGLARY: A burglary occurred at 7:35 p.m. Thursday in the 2300 block of Delmar. Stolen items were valued \$580.

The burglar forced his way through a rear window after smashing it.

Items stolen from the living room included a VCR, a watch and a radio with portable stereo and CD player.

• UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF CANNABIS: Harry Broyles, 26, of 5105 Rapp Road, Granite City, was charged Thursday with unlawful possession of cannabis. Broyles was driving at 45 mph in a speeding violation at about 10:46 a.m. at 19th Street and Grand Avenue. The officer searched the interior and found a small amount of the substance under the front seat that he perceived to be marijuana. Broyles was taken into custody.

• FAILURE TO APPEAR: Shane Steven, 20, of 2438 Union Avenue, Granite City, was arrested yesterday afternoon on an outstanding warrant for failure to appear for driving uninsured.

Steven was pulled over at about 4 p.m. on Parkview Avenue in a traffic violation. At that time, the responding officer learned that Steven was wanted on the warrant. He was taken into custody.

Madison County Sheriff's Department

ROBERTY: John E. Claridge, 35, of the 2100 block of Cleveland, Granite City, was charged with one count of robbery for an incident at 8:52 a.m. May 15 in the 3100 block of West Chaff of Forest Park, Granite City.

Claridge allegedly struck his mother and took \$50 from her. He was taken into the Madison County Jail on \$50,000 bond.

• CRIMINAL DAMAGE TO PROPERTY: A resident of the 9200 block of Collinsville Road, Collinsville, was arrested between 11 p.m. May 13 and 7:30 a.m. May 14, someone slashed two passenger tires on a car parked in the driveway.

• AGGRAVATED BATTERY: Michael H. Hoffman, 28, of the 2200 block of Monroe, Granite City, was arrested for aggravated battery for an incident at 1:29 a.m. Friday at Paddy McO's Tavern, 5528 Maryville Road, Granite City.

Hoffman allegedly struck a patrol in the head and left hand with a baseball bat. Hoffman was released on \$100 bond from the Madison County Jail.

ROBERTY: A resident of the 1700 block of Webster, Granite City, was arrested at 4:15 p.m. May 11, a woman asked for a ride due to the rain. After she got in the car, the man, who was driving off, a red car began to pursue them and eventually rammed the car. The driver stopped the car and then part of the red car approached, broke out the driver's side window, hit the woman to attack and curse at him at which time the woman took a cellular telephone and a wallet containing \$60.

• HORSES ON ROAD: Someone reported that at 2:55 a.m. May 11, there were horses on the roadway at 7123 Lebanon Road in Roxana.

• WARRANT ARREST: Bernard Gunn Jr., of 4358 Sabadee, St. Louis, was picked up on an outstanding warrant from the Glen Carbon Police Department at 7:45 a.m. May 13 at 4945 Maryville Road, Granite City.

Hacke death is ruled homicide

Lynch Mob member shot April 25

By Michael Hell
Staff writer

A coroner's jury ruled Wednesday that the death of Frederick L. Hacke III of Granite City was a homicide.

GRANITE CITY Hacke, 20, was shot and killed in the early-morning hours of April 25 when he met about 11 other members of a "gang" called the Lynch Mob allegedly tried to break into a Madison house where teenagers were having a party.

An autopsy revealed that Hacke died from a single gunshot wound in the neck. At the time of his death Hacke had been under the influence of LSD, exceeding the state's legal limit of .03. There were no drugs in his system, the autopsy discovered.

Granite City Police Detective Sgt. Jeff Parker testified at the inquest that the bullet that killed Hacke was fired from a handgun belonging to the homeowner, 1815 Rhodes St., where the party was taking place. On the 16-year-old son of the homeowner fired the fatal shot, Parker said.

A Madison County grand jury voted to indict the youth on charges in the shooting. Instead, indictments were handed down May 6 against 11 members of the gang, according to the state's attorney's office.

Charged with home invasion, a Class X felony, were: Larry Jordan, 40; Jason Cohrs, 17; Steve H. Hargrave, 18; Estrella, 21; and Mike Oliver, 23. That charge carries a six- to 30-year sentence and a fine up to \$10,000.

Charged with mob assault, a Class Y felony, were: Kenneth Wood, 34; Kory Dunnemann, 18; Joseph Scott, 22; Arthur Miller, 17; Jeremy Schneide, 18; and James Ogle, 22. That charge carries a one- to three-year sentence and up to a \$10,000 fine.

Parker said the dispute allegedly stemmed from an argument at the party in which Hacke was "disrespected" by someone.

Lt. Steve Nona of the Madison County Sheriff's Department, commander of the Major Case Squad, said Hacke apparently was shot by the 16-year-old, who panicked when Hacke and others tried to force their way into the house.

At about 1:20 a.m., Madison police received a call about a large fight at a party being held in the 1800 block of Rhodes Street.

The call came from a uniformed off-duty Venice police officer who was working security at the nearby Madison Club. When several youths came in and told him about the fight,

That officer and another plainclothes security officer drove over to the house. The

Frederick Hacke was a member of a Granite City gang known as the Lynch Mob. Police have said members were not a "hard-core gang, but rather, a loose association." Eleven members of the group were indicted May 6 on various charges stemming from the incident in which Hacke was killed.

Venice officer said he saw someone fire several shots in his direction when he got out of his car.

The officer identified himself, then returned fire himself, then returned fire after another shot was heard. When he got out of his car, the next-door neighbor told officers there was a body in her front yard.

Paramedics from Abbott Life Force Ambulance administered advanced life support at the scene and transported Hacke to St. Elizabeth Hospital in Granite City, where he later was pronounced dead.

Parker testified at the inquest that Hacke was at the party with some friends earlier and in an disagreement, he was told to leave. Hacke felt "disrespected," and said he would be back.

Hacke then went to another party where he ran into the party with other members of the Lynch Mob, and they decided to return to the party on Rhodes Street to "take care of being disrespected," Parker said.

Parker said the group of about 12 people then entered the party where he was at first and pushed back out the front door. The members then allegedly kicked in the door and broke windows in an attempt to gain entrance.

At this point witnesses' accounts vary, Parker said. The 16-year-old allegedly grabbed his father's gun and began shooting.

It still is unclear whether Hacke was on the porch or in the front yard of the house when he was shot, Parker said. He said ballistic tests being performed will help to determine exactly where Hacke was standing when he was hit by the fatal bullet.

Nona said the Lynch Mob was known to police but members were not considered a "hard-core" gang, but more of a "casual association."

"We're not talking about Hitler and all the hard-core stuff," Nona said. "These people are nowhere near that."

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News



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Ready for a festival

Students at Prather Elementary School in Granite City recently made decorations and other items in observance of Cinco de Mayo, the May 5 Mexican celebration of an important victory in battle. Students made ponchos, paper hats and other items and saw performances by local Mexican dance troupes in celebration of the event.

In Brief

Venice stickers now on sale

Venice city stickers are now on sale at the comptroller's office.

The cost is \$3 each, and the money is purchased from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Beginning June 1, the cost

will go up to \$5, and the police department will begin

selling tickets for vehicles without stickers.

Brown marks first anniversary

New Salem Missionary Baptist Church, 1430 Klein St., Venice, will celebrate the first anniversary of the arrival of the Rev. Larry M. Brown Sr. as pastor with a 4 p.m. service today.

The guest speaker will be the Rev. Silas Mosby, pastor of New Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church, in Elgin.

The speaker for the 10:30 a.m. service will be the Rev. Herman Taylor, associate minister of Mt. Nebo Missionary Baptist Church in Madison.

Community Band presenting concert

The Granite City Community Band will present a concert at 6 p.m.

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Special guest for the 10:30 a.m. service will be Pastor Simmons and the choir of Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church of Chattanooga, Tenn.

AARP honors tax volunteers

American Association of Retired Persons Chapter 1430 Klein St. will hold an appreciation luncheon for local tax aides who assisted 504 people with their tax returns from Feb. 1-April 15.

The luncheon was held at Neilson Hagnauer Township Hall.

Those honored were Sidney Vaughn, Henry

Herrlich, Delton Groothuis,

Robert Steiner, Charles Polach, Richard Nolan,

Charles King Sr., George

Sotroff and Jim Schmedake

and Paul Hellrich, who was unable to attend.

The performance will be at 5:30 p.m. today. The church will be pre-registering Bible school students.

The American Red Cross will hold blood drives in the Granite City area on the following days:

Monday — 2 to 6 p.m., St. John's Episcopal Church, 2901 Nameoki Road.

Thursday — noon to 5 p.m., Tower Automotive, 3103 Illinois 3.

Friday — 7:30 a.m. to noon, Melvin Price Support Center.

Pontoon Baptist launching annual VBS

Children of Pontoon Baptist Church, 4000 Illinois 111, will be performing the musical, "The Show Goes On," as a kick-off event for its summer Bible school program.

The performance will be at 5:30 p.m. today. The church will be pre-registering Bible school students.

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Activists request action on plant reassessment

ACORN chapter meets with legislators over crisis

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

School, city and county officials have been asked by local activists to take action to block the reassessment of AmerenUE's Venice generating plant from \$6 million to \$1 million.

VENICE The reassessment is the major reason Venice residents will see a 14 percent increase in their tax bills this year.

Madison County Clerk Mark Nida said the Venice tax rate will be 10,925.

The owner of a \$30,000 home would pay \$1,092.53 in property taxes. Last year, that same home would have cost \$959.15 in taxes.

The UE reassessment lowered the city of Venice's assessed property value by one-half of a percent, about \$1 million to \$11 million, and will cost the city about \$160,000 in tax revenue this year.

The local chapter of the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now met with community, city and school officials Tuesday to discuss the issue, and several people traveled to Springfield to lobby state

“We’re going to fight this thing (the reassessment of the Venice Ameren UE plant that threatens the future of Venice) to the last.”

Rev. John Henry Williams
Venice ACORN president

legislators for some kind of action.

The Venice School District will be forced to cut its annual appropriation, and state aid will increase the next year.

The city has no such option, and Mayor Tyrone Echols said the proposed reassessment, coupled with the recently announced negative multiplier, will mean a severe reduction in services and could force the city to dissolve within a few years.

Rev. John Henry Williams, president of the local ACORN chapter, has asked the group to consider a lawsuit blocking the reassessment. He said Echols told him it would be considered at Tuesday's Council meeting.

“We’re going to fight this thing to the last,” he said.

He also said several ACORN members went to Springfield Wednesday and met with Sen. James

Clayborne, D-East St. Louis. School officials also went to Springfield Wednesday.

In addition to the reassessment, Venice taxpayers have been hit with a negative multiplier of .922.

A multiplier compares the previous assessed value of property to the actual sale value to determine the average assessed value of property in an area.

While taxpayers would see a slight decrease in their tax bill because of the negative multiplier, it will be offset by larger tax rates caused by the drop in assessed value.

While many of the tax rates charged to Venice residents are set by the state, because they are at the maximum, some items such as liability or pensions have no upper limit and are spread out among the remaining taxpayers.

Wedding forms available

Forms for free bridal announcements are available at the paper, 1815 Delmar Ave., Granite City, Ill. 62040. Contact us at 876-2000 or 877-7700 during regular business hours. Bridal and engagement announcements are run on a regular basis in the paper; please allow several weeks so we can make your announcement in a timely manner.



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Caterpillar release

Mrs. Laub's first-grade class at Worthen Elementary School in Granite City recently released caterpillars that were used in a science unit. Releasing their caterpillars were, from left, Tyler Vaughn, Samantha Coontz and Donald Lindsay.

First Assembly of God turns 80

Church marks anniversary with special day of worship

By Michael Heil
Staff writer

First Assembly of God Church in Granite City will mark its anniversary today with the theme, "Celebrating 80 Years of God, Grace and Goodness."

"We would like anyone who is, or has been, a part of the First Family of God to join us," said Pastor Darren O'Guin. "This is a special day for the church and for everybody who has been associated with it."

The church began as a 22-member prayer group in West Granite in 1919 under the direction of Pastor C.M. O'Guin. It was chartered as the Full Gospel Tabernacle of the Assemblies of God.

Over the years, the church has worked with many churches in the Tri-City area and sent many of its members into the Christian Ministry by serving as pastor or working as missionaries.

First Assembly of God is located at the intersection of 24th Street and Grand Avenue. About 385 members and 150 former members are expected to take part in the celebration from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. The church choir will perform and musical performances will be presented by adults and children.

The schedule is as follows:

9:30 to 9:35 a.m. — Welcome and prayer

9:35 to 9:45 — Worship

9:45 to 10 a.m. — Children's choir

10 to 10:45 — Special musical

10:05 to 10:35 — Prayer message

10:35 to 10:45 — Break

10:45 to 10:55 — Worship and choir

10:55 to 11:05 — Special musical

11:05 to 11:45 — Pastoral message

11:45 to 11:50 — Lunch announcements

11:50 to noon — Slides and narration

Noon to 2 p.m. — Lunch introduction followed by browsing, greeting and worship

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Sound Off

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Pate Philip truly unique politician

Senate president speaks his mind — no matter the consequences



Rich Miller

"Most of my friends ... I think they tell me that every once in a while the referee or umpire ought to get popped — and pop him good."

"There was Illinois Senate President Pate Philip, speaking against a bill that would impose a \$100 fine for assault on sports officials."

Philip took a lot of heat in the press for that remark. One Chicago columnist even referred to him as a "moron."

Pete tsk-tsked all over the state when they read Pate's quote, but most people at the Statehouse either shook their heads slowly or chuckled out loud and then said, as one, "That's Pate. He says that kind of stuff all the time."

Now, if you think I'm building up to some sort of defense, you're wrong, even though I heard the ex-Marine when he said a few days later that he was "surprised" at all the heat.

But you have to appreciate the fact that Pate Philip is a unique specimen in modern American politics.

I have a theory: If you walk into a DuPage County VFW club on a rainy Wednesday afternoon and go to the back room where the old guys are playing cards and choose just one man at random, he'll be just like Pate Philip.

Pete embodies the values of older, white, suburbanites who worked hard



Opinions

THE PATE PHILIP SHOW (PLAYING ALL THE TIME)



... and eventually carved out a pretty decent existence for themselves and their families.

In many ways, he IS DuPage County. You may not always agree with him, but you can't deny that he accurately reflects a large portion of his district.

Most politicians agonize over every word that they speak in public. Pate speaks his mind, whatever that happens to be at the moment.

That trait makes him highly popular among reporters. We love to take him questions just to see how he reacts. We wait patiently in hallways for hours on end in the hopes that he'll come out and talk to us. We even jump on reporters' backs after impromptu press conferences, just to make sure that we catch any nuggets that he might be willing to share. Actually, as I write this, it occurs to me that my occupation is a little like Pate's — very weird. Thankfully, that stakeout stuff is only a small part of the job.

I was talking to a newspaper columnist friend a few weeks ago and he mentioned that we were planning to do a piece on Pate Philip. The other day, I asked him how his column was coming along. He said he had hoped to really sock it to Pate, and he said he wanted to do so by using quotes from people who he assumed would say nasty things about the guy. But

he eventually gave up the project when he realized that nobody was going to give him any juicy quotes. Reporters who he was sure would dump all over the guy made excuses for him.

Part of the reason for that may be that Pate became a hero of sorts by being a good sport. Republican Jim Edgar is many times. As I've told you before, Edgar was very unpopular at the Statehouse, even though his popularity with the electorate was quite high. Pate won over many hearts and minds by doing things to

Edgar like killing over a hundred of his nominations to boards and commissions with one fell swoop.

The biggest reason why Pate is so popular, though, is his willingness to conduct himself in a manner that the vast majority of politicians, lobbyists, staffers and even reporters can only dream about. When you go to see him, you won't wince after a bad call? But what modern-day politician would ever say that he thinks sports officials occasionally deserve a pop in the nose? Many Statehouse types envy Pate for being so secure in his own

position that he can say and do whatever he wants and get away with it. In a way, they live vicariously through him. He's the John Wayne of Illinois politics.

So the next time you read that Pate has gotten himself into trouble yet again, just remember that a whole bunch of people in Springfield are quietly cheering him on, even if they don't like what he said.

(Rich Miller is an independent journalist who covers government issues for the Illinois Press Association.)

Letters to the editor

Granite City lucky to have Jerry Lakin

TO THE EDITOR:

It was no surprise to me that Jerry Lakin was unopposed for supervisorial streetcar. Many of us feel he and his department are doing a great job.

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Granite City is lucky to have such a good street superintendent who listens to and follows through on requests from the citizens.

CHARLIE VUNOVIC

Granite City

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TO THE EDITOR:

I wish to express my most heartfelt thanks to those people who supported me in my recent candidacy for the Unit 10 School Board. Your words of encouragement, volunteering time for telephone calls and putting signs in your yards, as well as taking time to send cards both during and after the election, will be held in my most grateful memory.

I was extremely and sincerely touched by the number of votes I received and by the obvious display of good will and confidence shown by those who voted for me. To those who will now serve as board members, I wish the best of everything. This last ahead of time is monumental and it is my prayer that you will be guided always to serve with discretion, integrity, patience and love for the school which, ultimately, is the really vital and significant reason for being members of the school board.

To those who felt it necessary to vote against the tax referendum — perhaps many of you will join in assisting with your ideas and concerns.

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"I love music, so I play my guitar. There is no better way to relax."

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"I volunteer at our church. I love to read and work in my yard."

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Mother: I'll be there until Lewis is put away forever

You don't know what it's really like, she says

By Curtis A. Hartley
Staff writer

The mother of two young girls who allegedly were sexually assaulted by Granite City man plans to be at every hearing and trial until the accused man is put away for good.

GRANITE CITY — The woman, who does not want to be identified, admitted Friday that it was difficult to quiet down in the Madison County courtroom as Michael Lewis, 45, faced Associate Judge James Hackett.

Lewis, who has served half of his three-year sentence for two convictions for aggravated criminal sexual abuse, was due to be released Thursday. However, he is using a new Sexually Violent Persons Commitment Act in an effort to see that Lewis remains in the state's custody.

"I'd be the first to say (that) with a child molester, let's lock them up and throw away the key," said the mother of Lewis' victims.

"She should have been done in the first place, not the second."

She described the original court case in 1997 as frustrating and heartbreaking.

"The state's attorney was so excited that we had gotten a conviction on a first offense that she didn't care if it was a first offense or a 50th offense. He did it."

"If you embezzle, you get 20 to 30 years. Why not for child sex abuse?"

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Obituaries

Esther Basore

ESTHER M. BASORE, 70, of Crawfordville, Fla., formerly of Granite City, died Monday, May 17, 1999, in Bothell, Wash.

Mrs. Basore was born in Reed Spring, Mo. She was a retired supervisor of the Military Post Exchange for 20 years with the Protestant faith. She moved to Crawfordville from Granite City three years ago.

Survivors include her husband, Vallee D. Basore; three sons, Steve and Randy Basore, both of Monroe, Vt.; a daughter, Linda of Granite City; two daughters, Paula Giger of Cedar City, Utah, and Kim Thiel of Granite City; and seven grandchildren.

Services were held Friday, May 21 at Harvey-Young Funeral Home in Granite City. Burial was at St. Elizabeth Cemetery in Medart, Fla.

Loral Cox

LORAL L. (MUELLER) COX, 65, of Wood River, formerly of Granite City, died at 5:14 a.m. Saturday, May 16, 1999, in St. Louis.

Services were held Saturday morning at the Catholic Church in Granite City.

Survivors include her husband, Mr. Cox, who was a former manager of Rockwood Mobile Home Park in Wood River, and attended St. Elizabeth

Catholic Church in Granite City.

Survivors include her husband, A.E. "Gene" Cox, whom she married Sept. 19, 1948; two daughters, Cari Crawford of Granite City and Janice Rynearson of Salt Lake City; two sisters, Doris White and Gerry Baker of Granite City; a brother, Jon Rynearson of Salt Lake City; three granddaughters, Cari Crawford of Tempe, Ariz., and Diane and Rynearson of Salt Lake City; and two great-grandchildren, Kyler Rynearson and Cheree Rynearson, both of Salt Lake City.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, May 24, at St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church in Granite City, with the Rev. Francis Tebangua officiating. Burial will be at Veterans Barracks National Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the American Lung Association.

Eugene Gilmore

EUGENE FREDERIC GILMORE, 64, of Kissimmee, Fla., formerly of Granite City, died Monday, May 17, 1999, at Skaggs Hospital in Brandon, Fla.

Mr. Gilmore was born in Granite City. He was a World War II veteran, an automotive mechanic and the Protestant faith.

Survivors include his son, Donald Gilmore of Kissimmee, Fla.; his wife, Janice of Virginia Beach, Va.; two sisters, Rosina Kittel of Edwardsburg and Frances Arthur of Milwaukee; a brother, John Gilmore; and Jennifer Alexander, Jeff Gilmore and Mark Gilmore.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Margaret; his parents, Lester and Rosina (Young) Gilmore; and one brother, Oliver Gilmore.

Services were held Saturday morning at the Springfield National Cemetery in Springfield, Mo.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. Edith Rogaschek

EDITH (FINCH) ROGASCHNIK, 90, of Alton, died Tuesday, May 18, 1999, at Edwardsville Hospital.

Mrs. Rogaschek was born Sept. 27, 1908, in St. Louis. She was a homemaker and a member of Full Gospel Baptist Church and Chouteau Township Senior Citizens.

Survivors include her sister, Margaret Klaus; one nephew, Bill Anello of St. Louis; and a friend, Joy Edwards of Granite City.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Matthew Rogaschek; her parents, George and Edith (Wheeler) Finch; and their brothers and sisters.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 22, at St. John Chapel in Granite City, with the Rev. Ron Johnson officiating. Burial will be in St. John Cemetery, Benmontaine Neighbors, Mo.

Memorials may be made to the Humane Society.

Robert Stille

ROBERT C. STILL, 70, of Edwardsville, died at 9:45 a.m. Wednesday, May 19, 1999, at Barnes-Jewish Hospital in St. Louis.

Mr. Stille was born March 4, 1929, in Edwardsville, the son of St. Boniface Catholic Church. The Edwardsville Township supervisor and a resident of Edwardsville, he was a member of the Edwardsville Board of Education.

Survivors include his wife, Wanda (Johnston) Stille, whom he married May 31, 1952, in Pocahontas, Ark.; one daughter, Marcie J. McCormick of Edwardsville; two sons, Mark and Edward; and Michael Stille of Atlanta; and five grandchildren, Kimberly, Courtney, and Jennifer Alexander, Jeff Gilmore and Mark Gilmore.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Rudolph Stille, his mother, Mae Seehke; and one daughter, Susan Stille.

Services were held Saturday, May 22, at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Edwardsville with the Rev. John Corradato, C.S.V., officiating. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery in Glen Carbon.

Memorials may be made to the Youngblood Foundation at Edwardsville Township Park.

Saksra Materne Funeral Home handled the arrangements.

Contest gives entrants chance to lead Chain of Rocks reopening parade

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

Have you dreamed of dog sledding across the Old Chain of Rocks Bridge?

Or maybe dancing, skating or riding a unicycle? Or possibly you have a great story to share about the bridge.

Throughout the 45-minute hearing Friday morning, the mother of the victims said she quietly, holding a picture of her two sons, and newspaper clippings about the hearing. It was a very difficult 45 minutes, she said.

"It was all I could do to not scream at him. I wanted to jump that rail and start pounding on him," she said.

"There were a couple of times I wanted to turn around and give me cold stares," she said. "I'd like to pull a magic gun and shoot him in the face."

"I'd like to think there's not a jury in the world that would convict me."

"Ideas might include a

unique way of crossing the bridge, a creative costume or a wonderful story about the bridge," said Ted Gandy, Trailnet executive director.

"Those with the most creative reasons will be chosen to lead a parade, complete with marching bands, to the middle of the bridge."

Entries can be sent to Trailnet Inc., 230 S. Beimstein, Suite 1420, St. Louis, 63105. Entries are due by July 1.

Workers are putting the finishing touches on the bridge, which was part of the fabled Route 66 Hall of Fame last year.

Built in 1929 and purchased by the city of Madison 10 years later, the bridge served as a part of Route 66, "America's Highway," that ran from Chicago to California. For most of its life the bridge was operated by the city of Madison.

It was closed soon after the completion of the new

Interstate 270 Chain of Rocks Bridge.

In subsequent years, the Old Chain of Rocks Bridge was a hot spot for partiers and was used in the filming of "Escape from New York." It also was the site of a double murder that forced the city to close access to the bridge.

Trailnet leased the bridge from the city of Madison in 1996. Through a combination of state, federal and private funds, construction of a \$4 million rehabilitation project has been completed.

The first phase includes safety and structural repairs and improvements. The second phase will include amenities such as a gift shop, which is expected to be the centerpiece of the Confluence Greenway, a system of trails spanning both sides of the Mississippi River from St. Louis and connecting to other trails in Illinois and Missouri.

School violence policy being considered, Balen says in talk

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

A general policy for responding to potentially violent situations at Granite City High School is being developed by the school district and police department, said Superintendent Steve Balen. Police Chief Dave Ruehausen.

The two officials spoke during Wednesday's Rotary Prayer Breakfast.

The district recently unveiled

a student profiling program,

and Balen said it would be enacting other policies to deal with gangs and hate groups that would include banning certain types of clothing, tattoos and excessive piercings.

The response plan is expected to be completed by the end of the month in the fall. Officials then will develop a plan for the middle and elementary schools.

Balen said the plan will cover a number of scenarios. For example, in the case of a student who is carrying a concealed weapon, officials have to consider how to isolate the student, how to notify the teacher about the problem and how to deal specifically with the situation.

In other situations, he said, they would consider if and when to evacuate the school, and where to instruct teachers to lock and barricade the classroom doors.

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Reading it over and alone I knew I would always cherish it. When I was sad, I'd look at the little note and be lifted up. If I felt alone I'd read it and be comforted. And when I felt inferior, it would remind me of my worth.

Now, years later, his face lit up with surprise as I took out the very faded sticky note that reads, "You were worth it and are worth every good thing that happens to you."

"Those kind and caring words got me through so many

A New You



Catherine Galasso

hard times," I said. "Thank you, my friend."

Compassion, kind advice and concern can go a long way in a person's life for the better. Person's 25-40 says, "In as much as you have done it to the least of my brothers, you

have done it to me."

Just think, your kind words and deeds are noted by God. Reach out for a smile. Kind words can be difficult and depressing, with many stumbling blocks along the way. But you can achieve your healing by always acknowledging His ways to encourage another, to influence positively. When you plant kindness you harvest love.

Send God my thanks, though you by far exercise. I have a friend who has a plaque on her kitchen wall that reads,

"There is no better exercise for the heart than to turn down and listen to another."

Saint Paul says, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." And blessed means happy. So be full of joy all year long by sharing, caring, and giving to others.

The best time to give is when someone least expects it. Then the source of joy is never forgotten.

Reader Estelle VanDover wrote, "Giving is much more than buying a gift. Take a moment to write or send a cheery card to a friend or a patient in the hospital. Focus on things that make other people smile and talk about them that you love them."

Accompany that with a hug. The best present you can receive is a true friend. A friend gives you strength, only the best can see and is a shoulder of support when you need it the most. Friends are always there to lean on and their smile warms the coldest day.

"My husband of 30 years has been my friend, and a pillar of

strength all these years," writes reader Louise Byrne.

Friends encourage you to do the seemingly impossible, and they delight in your accomplishments. Build up other's confidence and self esteem by telling them they are one of a kind. Let them know they are worthy, special and precious in God's sight. Be gentle with compliments and praise.

Insults, rude remarks and sarcasm can take their toll on even the strongest individual. Never allow another's hurtful actions keep you from being your very best.

Just resolve right now to develop your own energy by pursuing your own special dreams. This won't make you popular with the crowd, but your life is much too valuable to waste one single moment.

There are mountains to climb and glorious heights above and beyond the gloom of spiteful people.

You are a precious gift from God and need to grow in the sunshine of His love. As someone who cares, you are able to express your love in a meaningful way. The world needs you, God needs you and I want you to know, dear readers, from my heart to yours, that you are wonderful and deserve everything good that happens to you."

Catherine Galasso is a free-lance columnist for the Suburban Journal. You may write her at Suburban Journals, 1714 Deer Tracks Trail, St. Louis, 63131, or by e-mail at westnews@primary.net.

Edwardsville firm could feel impact of national Teamsters hauler strike

By Barbara M. Cope
Staff writer

Although a possible nationwide Teamsters strike seems far away, it could have an impact on one area car-hauling firm.

Cassens Transport Co. has been doing business in Edwardsville for more than 50 years.

Drivers who transport cars from assembly plants to dealerships represented by the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, voted overwhelmingly to authorize their negotiating committee to call a strike after their contract expires May 31.

Officials from Cassens did not respond to numerous efforts to contact them for comments about how the possible strike would affect them. Tom Rotin, a spokesman for the Teamsters, was able to explain why.

"Cassens is one of the companies at the [negotiating] table," he said.

Rotin said the vote gives the Teamsters the options of striking "one, some or all of the companies that make up the management bargaining group," including Cassens.

Roth said the impact of a strike would be felt by everyone.

"A strike would stop shipment of new models and have an impact on car-hauling companies, dealerships and consumers.

It's not something we want to happen, but we have to have a fair agreement for it not to happen." A fair agreement does not include the concessions management wants to have happen," Roth said.

One of those concessions, Roth said, he only learned about Thursday.

"Management has a demand on the table that they could

begin hiring part-time mechanics, truck drivers and office workers. That is an issue that we just can't tolerate," Roth said.

Negotiations between the Teamsters and car-hauling companies have been going on since February. The Teamster drivers deliver about 95 percent of all new vehicles in a national contract covering 17 companies and more than 32,000 members.

Like any other strike, it's going to hurt us. With no new cars or trucks being delivered, it's going to dwindle inventory," said H. Dean Bender, manager of Jack

Schmitt Ford in Edwardsville. The summer season is one of the highest-volume times for car sales. Roth said this year in particular has seen high volume, with 16 million

cars delivered for sale.

A strike at this time of year could lead to serious ramifications for dealers, Bender said.

"It's a big time for sales. It would make the end-of-the-year model switch-over very difficult. There would be a lot of '99 models sitting in the yard," Bender said.

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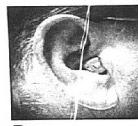
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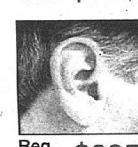
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SWIDA files GIR 'quick-take' appeal

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fit from SWIDA's actions in this case, we cannot subordinate a constitutional right to private corporate interests."

In a separate opinion, Justice Clyde Kuehn concurred with the ruling but said he believed the law did not allow SWIDA the authority to take property was unconstitutional.

"If property ownership is to remain what our forefathers intended it to be ... the economic

byproducts of a private capitalist's ability to develop land cannot justify its subordination to a constitutional right," he said.

"If a government agency can decide property ownership solely upon its view of what would put that property to more productive or attractive use, the inalienable right to own and enjoy property to the exclusion of others will pass to those who constitute society's elite," he said. "The rich may not inherit the earth, but they most assuredly will inherit

the means to acquire any part of it they desire."

In a related matter, GIR has been critical for seeking an injunction from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to fill in approximately 40 acres of wetlands on the site.

The injunction was filed before the appellate court ruling was handed down.

Environmentalists and community groups in East St. Louis have objected to the loss of wetlands and the increased possibility of flooding in residential areas.

Poplchak named Teacher of the Year

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"I was surprised to learn I was chosen," Poplchak said. "I believe the honor should be shared by my colleagues and students. Without their collaboration teaching would not be possible."

Poplchak, who teaches music at Niedringhaus and Marshall elementary schools, was chosen from a group of educators representing parochial and public schools in the Tri-City area and Fairmont City.

She will receive a \$500 check Monday evening at Niedringhaus Elementary.

School. It will be presented to her by Wal-Mart representatives Denise Guidoloni and Ken Steffermann at 7 p.m.

"A portion of the great money will be used to purchase school supplies."

The creative and vivacious music teacher began her career at Fairmont City Elementary School. She now goes back and forth during the week from Niedringhaus to Marshall.

Music has been a part of my life, mostly revolving around children. I want to share a love of music with them. I like to see their faces light up after their accomplishments," Poplchak said.

On Thursday afternoon,

she was working with about 25 students at Niedringhaus Elementary School to prepare them for band classes. As the 8- and 9-year-olds sang, the small room echoed with their voices.

"I enjoy this as much as my students do," she said. "I love to see them learn."

Poplchak is chairwoman of the Granite City District 9 Elementary Music Faculty. She has received the Order of the Cross of Merit for the Year award twice and the Illinois State Board of Education Award of Merit once. She lives in Granite City, has an 11-year-old daughter, Victoria, and is the widow of Nick Poplchak.

12 arrested in Madison beer crackdown

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

A dozen softball players and spectators at Madison's Third Street Diamond got a surprise Saturday morning when they were arrested for having open alcohol.

Twelve people were charged with violating a city ordinance prohibiting alcohol in the park.

Lt. Steve Shelly said an ordinance prohibiting alcohol has been in effect for years but has not been enforced. He said police decided to

step up enforcement after receiving complaints from neighbors about rowdy behavior and beer containers.

Arrested were Geryl L. Allen, 49, of the 3900 block of Village Lane, Pontoon Beach; Rollin R. Bickell Jr., 40, of the 100 block of Lemont, Granite City; Stephanie F. Woodruff, 49, of Holiday Mobile Home Park, Granite City; Steven L. Pruitt, 40, of the 700 block of Palmer Avenue, Granite City; Matthew S. Butts, 32, of the 2100 block of East Granite City; Deborah H. Pruitt, 44, of the 3100 block of Jill, Granite City; Shawn R. Menard, 31, of the 1600 block of Fifth Street, Madison; and Bryan K. Nichols, 25.

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Granite City man first test of predator law

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er's office and instead work with court-appointed private attorneys.

Hill said he plans to have Lewis examined by a psychologist before the trial.

Lewis pleaded guilty in November 1997 to two counts of aggravated criminal sexual abuse and was sentenced to three years in the Illinois Department of Corrections.

With time off for good behavior, he was scheduled to be released in Thruway.

Lewis, who is 45 now, admitted to sexually abusing a 7-year-old female in 1996 while watching X-rated videos with her mother and his 14-year-old sister. However, he stipulated to the second charge and was convicted on both counts.

The mother of the two victims, who did not want to be identified, said she was glad the hearing went in the state's favor but that she has mixed feelings about the new law.

"I'm frustrated because

there are too many arguments against it," she said. She said it doesn't make sense to have to go through a trial to lock up a child molester when it should have been done right the first time.

"The sad thing is, they'll put an entire family away for 20 years," she said. "I'd rather have the embezzler living next door, because my checkbook's not going outside by itself."

A prison psychologist who spoke with him about his behavior reported that Lewis admitted to abusing at least three other young females since 1996.

He is serving 10 to 17 years on a first-degree, 10-year-old female cousin.

Lewis also admitted to fondling two 7-year-old females while watching X-rated videos with her mother and his 14-year-old sister. However, he stipulated to the second charge and was convicted on both counts.

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"I'm frustrated because

Lewis suffers from pedophilia paraphilia (his alleged deviant desire for the 14-year-old and personality disorder with anti-social and narcissistic traits).

The state's petition states that Lewis is "dangerous to others because mental disorders create a substantial probability that he will engage in acts of sexual violence."

The report indicates that Lewis should be sentenced for his sexually violent acts and does not acknowledge the harm he has done to his victims.

"He truly does believe that what he did was either wrong or harmful to the children," Buck stated in the report.

The report recommended that Lewis be committed as a sexually violent person under the new law.

Supporters of the 1-year-old law say that it protects the public from sexual predators. However, detractors claim the law is unfair because it punishes people for crimes they haven't yet committed.

Easterly: Name new bridge after Harmon

Continued from Page 1A

funds at the federal level," Pennekamp said. "A project of this size is going to compete with limited federal dollars. If we don't have some resolution from the City of St. Louis, we may lose funding for the new bridge."

"It will take six years to build it," Easterly said.

The proposed eight-lane bridge would cross the Mississippi River just south of the Monroe Bridge and would lie into a relocated Illinois 3 near Madison and Fairmont City, Illinois near Gateway International Bridge and Interstates 55/70 and 64.

The cost of the bridge is estimated at about \$550 million. At this time, the project is in the engineering phase, and no construction funds have been allocated.

Easterly said the bridge is important to both Illinois and Missouri.

He said Missouri motorists make 200 million trips across the Poplar Street Bridge yearly. An estimated 300 million trips are made by Illinois motorists.

A study by Sverdrup Corp. for IDOT and the Missouri Department of Transportation showed that Illinois needs a new bridge, but budget delays for motorists crossing the King and Poplar Street bridges could exceed 35-40 minutes over a three-hour period each day.

By the time the bridge is completed that figure may have risen to 600 million per year.

Wise joins GCFD as newest paramedic

By Michael Heil
Staff writer

Todd Wise is Granite City's newest man in blue.

Wise, 28, joined the Granite City Fire Department as a paramedic April 12. He had applied for the position several times over the last six years.

"My persistence paid off. It's the best job I could ask

for," he said. "There are a great bunch of guys here. They're always around when I need them."

Wise has been a paramedic for nearly six years. He worked for a paramedic unit in St. Louis from 1993 to 1998. He then worked for a short time at Life Force, a Fairview Heights paramedic service.

While working at the health center, Wise said, an incident occurred that remains etched in his mind. A man staggered through the emergency doors clutching his chest. Wise and other medical personnel

attended to the man until he was rushed into emergency surgery.

"Doctors repaired a dissecting aortic aneurysm," he said. "I saw him two days later in the Intensive Care Unit. It was rewarding and a relief to know he would recover."

Wise said the hardest part of his job is attending to people who have been seriously injured and may not recover.

"You just got to deal with it," he said. "It's always a difficult situation."

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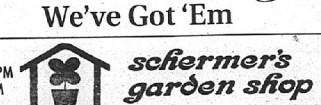
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Regional Red Cross thanks volunteers at annual dinner

Awards presented to lifesavers during fete

By Angela Mueller
Staff writer

Volunteers who give of themselves to help the American Red Cross save lives were honored Thursday evening at the Southwestern Illinois Chapter of the Red Cross' annual dinner.

The Madison County Red Cross said thank you to the more than 140 volunteers at the dinner who have donated their time to the group during the last year.

"We served 33,000 people in 1998, and we only have five paid staff members," said Marcia Wickenhauser, executive director of the Southwestern Illinois Chapter. "We have over 400 volunteers, and these volunteers are the people who really provide the services."

Three Community Partner Awards were presented to organizations or cities that helped the Southwestern Chapter of Red Cross in 1998. This year's recipients were Southern Illinois University at Edwardsburg, Lewis and Clark Community College

and the city of Edwardsville. SIUE and LCCC were recognized for including Red Cross lifesaving programs in their school curriculums and for supporting Red Cross blood drives and disaster services.

The city of Edwardsville was honored for implementing the Red Cross curriculum in its Police and Parks and Recreation departments, and for establishing a city employee blood drive in 1998.

A medical award was presented to ECTV, Channel 15 in Edwardsville, for its support of Red Cross events.

Six individuals received certificates of recognition for extraordinary acts.

These individuals put their Red Cross training in action in an effort to save lives.

John Montgomery of Greenfield saved a life when he provided resuscitation breathing for a visitor at the Godfrey Boy Scouts camp last June. Sue Hardin of Alton was recognized for performing cardiopulmonary resuscitation on a customer who collapsed in the lobby of Liberty Bank in Godfrey last November.

Eric Maki of Grover, Mo.,

Eric Schindler of Edwardsville and Brad Hagan of Glen Carbon all were honored for providing rescue breathing and CPR for a woman who collapsed at the indoor track at SIUE on Jan. 19, 1998.

The final individual recognized was Steve Wolters of Alton, who is a member of the Elks Club of Edwardsville. Wolters was on his route Jan. 13 when he saw a house on flames. He broke in a back window, helped the other Elks pull the unconscious woman from the burning house, then swept out her mouth to restore the woman's breathing.

The award is one of the things we do to try to tell people that lives can be saved by having this kind of training," Wickenhauser said.

Chapter officers for the 1998-1999 term were elected during Thursday's event. New officers are chairman, Tom Schaefer; vice-chairman of Godfrey; vice chairpersons Jim Minske of Godfrey and Suzanne Hedger of Grafton; treasurer, Ed Gray of Alton; and secretary Barbara Rook of Alton.



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Career choice

Holy Family School Brownie Troop 538 of Granite City recently decided to work on their "Career Try-It" patch, with members being asked to research a career they might be interested in being when they grew up. Troop member Hannah Wilson chose television news and interviewed KSDK-TV morning and midday anchor Jennifer Blome, her favorite newscaster. Hannah was later taken on a tour of the NewsChannel 5 set.

Milestones

Robyn Sichling Johnson celebrates a birthday today, May 23.

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son celebrate their wedding anniversary May 28.

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Debbie Dillard celebrates a birthday May 29.

Stan and Brenda Soboleski celebrate their wedding anniversary May 29.

To submit an item to Milestones or delete an entry, send a postcard to "Milestones" Granite City Journal, 1815 Delmar Ave., Granite City, IL 62040.

Please notify the paper if a person listed in Milestones has passed away or no longer wishes to be listed.

Illinois Power helps erase utility debt with 'Clean Start' program

Illinois Power customers who qualify for the Low Income Heating Energy Assistance Program now can get additional help to erase their utility debt.

The new program, called "Clean Start," involves matching contributions from both Illinois Power and the Illinois Department of Commerce and Community Affairs, which would cover up to two-thirds of the outstanding amounts owed for gas and/or electric services.

LIHEAP agencies are open until Friday, then will be closed for the fall so interested customers need to check into the program as soon as possible.

DCCA and IP are each pledging \$1 million to the effort. Customers who agree

to pay up to one-third of their old balance during a six-month period can erase the debt.

IP will give credits to participating customer accounts up to a third from DCCA.

"We're excited about this new program and the opportunity it affords customers to get a clean start on their utility bills," said Donor Crawford, IP credit and collection specialist. "We're hopeful that any customer who believes he or she qualifies will visit their local LIHEAP agency or call toll-free at (800) 755-5000 for more information."

Crawford noted that eligible customers will include some who have not

been able to access LIHEAP grants in the past, and she urged all low-income customers to check into the program as soon as possible.

The Clean Start program will accept on a first-come, first-served basis clients of LIHEAP who are at 125 percent or less of the poverty level. The Illinois DCCA administers the LIHEAP program.

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Butch Peterson, right, of Premier Lincoln-Mercury in Collinsville, receives a framed certificate and seminar class photograph from Bob Rewey, a Ford senior executive.

Peterson attends Ford orientation seminar

Butch Peterson of Premier Lincoln-Mercury, Inc., in Collinsville, recently attended a four-day orientation and customer satisfaction seminar in Dearborn, Mich., for new dealers. The seminar was sponsored by the Ford Motor Co.

Peterson is vice president and managing partner of the dealership. He has operated the business since Oct. 20. His background includes 15 years at Granite City Steel and 22 years in the car business, 16 of

those as owner of a Chevrolet-Buick dealership in St. Louis. In two years as owner of an Oldsmobile-Cadillac-GMC dealership in Alton.

"Attending this seminar gave me a great understanding about the Ford Motor Co. family," Peterson said. "It helped me better understand how closely the company and the dealers are connected in doing a good job for the people who drive the products we sell and service."

Divorces

Divorces granted recently in Third Circuit Court in Madison County include:

Ricky A. Cooper of Granite City, and Dau (Phalen) Cooper of Granite City; married Nov. 19, 1988.

Dennis Michael Binkley of Edwardsville, and Mary Ruth (DeClue) Binkley of Alton; married April 11, 1997.

Michael L. Collins of Granite City, and Misti Dawn (Valezuela) Collins of Granite City; married July 25, 1992.

Alexander Cameron Lovell of Troy, and Debra Glodeon (Turner) Lovell of Troy; married Feb. 4, 1993.

Louis R. Cherry of Collinsville, and Stephanie D. (Youngher) Cherry of Collinsville; married Jan. 28, 1993.

Leslie Eugene Reed of St.

Elmo, and Clara M. (Hicks) Reed of Collinsville; married July 1, 1985.

Michael Davis Slaton of Granite City, and Stephanie Louise Slaton of Granite City; married March 1, 1995.

Raymond Marciak of Caseyville, and Deborah Ann (Rios) Marciak of Granite City; married June 12, 1995.

James Gene Blum of Marion, and Connie Ruth (Thompson) Blair of Edwardsville; married March 24, 1989.

Scott Allen Gregory of Edwardsville, and Carla Mae (Kittrell) Gregory of Festus, Missouri; married May 19, 1991.

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School Menus

Week of May 24-28

Granite City Public Schools

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TUESDAY, May 25 — Breakfast: Fresh fruit burrito, orange juice, milk; Lunch: Cheesburger on bun with pickles, whole kernel corn, sliced tomatoes, milk.

WEDNESDAY, May 26 — Breakfast: Scrambled eggs, toast and jelly, apricots, milk; Lunch: Ham and cheese in deli bun with lettuce, tomato, green beans, strawberry Jello with diced peaches, milk.

THURSDAY, May 27 — Breakfast: Cereal and toast, milk; Lunch: Hot tamale, tossed salad, salad dressing, peaches, bread, milk.

FRIDAY, May 28 — Breakfast: Sausage patty, biscuit, mixed fruit, milk; Lunch: Fish,

patty on bun, macaroni and cheese, peas, cinnamon apple slices, milk.

Madison Public Schools

MONDAY, May 24 — Breakfast: Cereal and toast, milk; Lunch: Sausage and shells, corn, apricots, bread, milk.

TUESDAY, May 25 — Breakfast: Scrambled eggs, bacon, milk; Lunch: Hot tamale, tossed salad, salad dressing, peaches, bread, milk.

WEDNESDAY, May 26 — Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, milk; Lunch: Barbecued chicken on bun, baked beans, macaroni and cheese, bread, milk.

THURSDAY, May 27 — Breakfast: Cinnamon Tasties, milk; Lunch: Burritos, salsa, cheese, bread, salsa, apple slices, caramel sauce, ice juice, milk.

FRIDAY, May 28 — Breakfast: Doughnuts, milk; Lunch: Taco salad, French bread, pineapple chunks, animal crackers, milk.

St. Elizabeth School

MONDAY, May 24 — Breakfast: French toast, French fries, corn, sliced cheese/pickles, mixed fruit, milk.

TUESDAY, May 25 — Breakfast: Sausage, bacon, green beans, sliced cheese/pickles, peaches, milk.

WEDNESDAY, May 26 — Breakfast: Doughnuts, milk; Lunch: Green beans, bread, cobbler, milk.

THURSDAY, May 27 — Breakfast: Chicken and gravy over potatoes, green beans, bread, cobbler, milk.

FRIDAY, May 28 — Last Day of School — 11 a.m. dismissal. Have a nice summer.

Money stolen

The former treasurer of the Glen Carbon Jaycees has admitted stealing money from the organization. Now, authorities must determine how much.

EDWARDSVILLE

A. Purdy, 35, of the 200 block of Madison Avenue, Glen Carbon, pleaded guilty Saturday to theft of \$300. He had been charged with theft over \$10,000 last August after police said he used his position as treasurer to steal \$12,775 from Jaycee members' accounts at local banks between December 1994 and January 1997.

However, Purdy's attorney, Timothy Donald of Collingsville, said Purdy had taken less than the amount alleged by authorities. That contention could play a role in any restitution agreement.

Assistant State Attorney Thomas Nevins said Nevins agreed not to seek prison time and the agreement to pay back the organization. Purdy does not have a prior record.

MetroLink expansion proceeding on schedule

Ceremony marks connection of track in Fairview Heights area

By Mike Myers
Staff writer

When the sparks started flying Wednesday, Delores Lysakowski, bolstered by a large construction worker, took a quick step back.

METROLINK

As chair of the St. Clair County Transit District, it was the first time Lysakowski had seen sparks fly concerning the progress of MetroLink in Illinois. These sparks, however, were welcome.

Lysakowski, with the aid of some high-tech machinery, performed a "flash butt weld" connecting two 30-foot lengths of steel rail as the culmination of a \$10-million track connection ceremony near Illinois 15 and St. Clair Avenue in Fairview Heights.

Officials from the county and Bi-State Development Agency gathered to celebrate the beginning of the laying of tracks for the 17.4-mile MetroLink extension that will link the rail from East St. Louis through Belleville to Scott Air Force

Base and include eight new stations.

MetroLink construction here began about a year ago and station platforms, bridge piers and decks and retaining walls and abutments are finished or well along. They are visible, though, Lysakowski said, of its progress. But tracks, she said, give it a special reality.

"Now I'm really looking forward to 2000 when it opens and we can all take a ride together," she said.

Laying the MetroLink once-in-a-lifetime event

"We're using standard steel rail and concrete ties it should last, well, if not forever, as close to forever as anything can ever be," said Dana Goss of Baker Hughes, project manager for superintendence for the project.

The 115-pound rail — meaning each three-foot of rail weighs 115 pounds — was made by Bethlehem Steel about a month ago and comes in 30-foot "more or less" lengths. These are joined together into quarter-mile "again more or less" lengths using flash butt welds.

First the rail is put onto a

moving line. A polisher-grinder cleans the rest of the ends to be welded as well as spots for electrical contacts, or "grippers" and it moves on to the welding machine.

"It's an electrical-mechanical process," Goss said. "The ends are heated up electrically and the ends are pushed together and fused — sort of like if you pushed the ends of two lighted candles together — and it's one.

We actually lose about a half-inch off each rail in the process."

At the end of the welding line, the rail is cut to the length of the slab and it is sent one down the line. A second polisher-grinder touches it up and only a slight "and temporary" change is set to indicate there was ever more than one rail.

The rail comes in two strengths: Regular and hardened for use on big curves and a lot of turns. There will be a lot of braking.

While the line is strictly high-tech, communication between the workers spread on site. Its quarter-mile length consists of old-fashioned

banging on the rail with a wrench or pipe.

"Two things is no and one bangles," Goss said.

"Three bangles is back up. Four bangles is break for lunch or it's quitting time, let's have a beer. Five bangles is 911."

The rail bed itself is made up of concrete ties place on a trapeze rock ballast over a limestone sub-ballast. The quarter-mile rails are put on that lies and anchored with rail clips.

The quarter-mile sections are joined together with yet another flash butt weld — we have to use a fixture machine to use there — or, if a curve or other obstacle interferes, a thermite weld.

The result is a continuous steel rail on a very stable platform designed to provide a smooth ride at up to 55 mph.

Wednesday's ceremony was also attended by Mokhite Ahmad, Region VII administrator for the Federal Transportation Agency, and Tim Irwin, executive director of Bi-State.

MEHS holding Adopt-A-Pet Day June 5

The Metro East Humane Society, formerly the Marion County Humane Society, will hold an Adopt-A-Pet Day from noon to 4 p.m. June 5 at PetsMart on Highway 50 in O'Fallon.

Puppies, kittens, dogs and cats are available. Dog adoption fees are \$60 and includes a rabies vaccination, DHPP vaccination, a leash, a collar, an ID tag and worming. Cat

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Troy man denies sexual abuse charges despite conviction

By Dennis Grubaugh
Staff writer

A Troy man convicted Thursday of molesting a 6-year-old girl may face maximum prison time in the case, which has revived questions about his criminal past.

MADISON COUNTY Terry C. Martin, 24, now of Troy and formerly of Wood River, was found guilty by a jury in Madison County Circuit Court of predatory criminal sexual abuse.

Prosecutors say they will use Martin's previous convictions, including burglary and robbery, to argue for the maximum sentence.

"Sixty years is the maximum," "I'll probably ask close to it," Assistant State's Attorney Kyle Napp said.

Authorities also said they may use Martin's impending sex offense to try to persuade him to cooperate in their investigation into the disappearance some eight years ago of a 15-year-old boy.

Officials with Marion County Sheriff's Department say Martin long has been a suspect in the disappearance of Joshua Mahaffey.

Martin was convicted Thursday of abusing the daughter of his former girlfriend. The child testified he had molested her with his hand. Authorities believe the incident occurred at the Troy home of the child's grandmother between September 1996 and March 1997.

Central to the evidence was

a doctor's diagnosis that the child had contracted a case of genital warts, a venereal disease that Napp maintained was passed from the girl's mother to the boyfriend and on to the child.

"It's a crooked system you've got up here," Martin said when he left the courtroom. "Convicting a guy for a disease he's never had."

His attorney, William Stiehl of Belleville, had called a defense witness, another former girlfriend of Martin's,

who testified he did not have the disease when she knew him, before he took up the relationship with the victim's mother.

Martin did not testify.

Stiehl maintained that the girl made up the story about Martin at the coaxing of friends.

For the sentencing phase, authorities are expected to take a hard look at Martin's criminal past, although they will be unable to refer in court to a 1991 incident in Marion

County, in which Mahaffey was reported missing after turning state's evidence against Martin in a burglary case.

Mahaffey disappeared just one month after cooperating with police in the investigation. Martin was found guilty of burglary in 1991 in the Central Illinois area and was placed on three years' probation.

Authorities conducted extensive searches for the youth but turned up nothing. He remains missing. However,

Marion County investigators say Martin remains a suspect in Mahaffey's disappearance.

"It was always suspected, and we have a lot of evidence, but we didn't have a body," Marion County Detective Sheriff Norman Rose said. "And the state's attorney won't pursue charges without a body."

In Marion County alone in 1993, Martin was convicted of attempted armed robbery and intimidation, the latter charge stemming from threats he allegedly made to two female

witnesses in the case.

His threats to the women included a reference to the fact that he had "killed before," authorities said. They said they believed that could be a reference to Mahaffey's disappearance.

Martin never was charged in Mahaffey's disappearance, but he served time in prison for the attempted armed robbery conviction.

He also was convicted of burglary in Marion County in 1993 and served six months.

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Collinsville duo earns top honors

Lutz wrestles his way into school history, blasts into IHSA baseball record book

By Brian Bretsch
Staff writer

Collinsville High senior Ken Lutz's prep baseball career has been impressive in its overshadowed an exceptional wrestling career.

Lutz has been selected as the Male Athlete of the Year for Madison County by the Journal Newspapers of Southern Illinois. The athlete of the year for Madison County will be honored Tuesday evening at Busch Stadium in ceremonies prior to the St. Louis Cardinals-San Francisco Giants game.

Lutz earned the honor from the Journal Newspapers of Southern Illinois for the second straight year.

"This is real exciting," Lutz said. "Athlete of the Year is a big honor. I'm proud of it. I worked hard to get it."

Lutz has been among the top baseball players in the St. Louis area since his sophomore year. He has twice been nominated as one of five finalists for the Rising Star Award, given to the best five school baseball player in the



region, and likely will be nominated for his senior season as well.

A right-handed pitcher and first baseman, Lutz has carried a .500-plus average for his prep career since his sophomore campaign.

His numbers as a wrestler are equally as impressive. A four-year member of the

Kahoks varsity, he captured a fourth-place medal at the IHSA Class AA state meet as a junior and a sixth-place medal this year.

As a junior he established two school records — most victories in a season with 44, surpassing Mike Kleib's and Rocky Maxville's benchmark of 42, and most falls in a season with 126. The pins mark ranks 12th-best all-time in the IHSA record book.

As a senior, Lutz posted a 33-5 mark. He wrapped up his career with 142 victories — the second-best mark in school history.

"It feels good what I've accomplished, but as I get older I'll look back and realize what I've done," Lutz said.

Both schools are interested in what Lutz could do in the coming years.

Standing 6-foot-2 and throwing in the high 90s to low 90s, Lutz has been the main attraction for college and pro scouts attending Kahoks games this spring.

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John Swistak Jr. photo

Collinsville senior Kenny Lutz, one of the St. Louis area's top prep baseball players for the past three seasons, also placed twice in the IHSA state wrestling tournament.

GCHS breezes through semis

Posts 13-0 win

By Garen Vartanian
Staff writer

Granite City had little trouble getting on track

GIRLS SOCCER

they got their shots on goal, the Warriors blew up — to the tune of a 13-0 shellacking of East Alton-Wood River in regional semifinal action.

Senior Debra Aaron got the regional game-winner in the 18th minute when she headed in the rebound of a shot by Amber Hubert. But that was just the beginning.

Felicia Mohsen scored two goals within 47 seconds, taking command of the area in the 25th minute. Jamie Raub followed with two of her own. Raub took a pass from Christina Withers between three defenders and loosed a shot that squeezed into the left post.

Just 2:25 later, Raub blasted a 25-yard shot that cinched the Warriors' halftime lead at 5-0.

Like sharks smelling blood in the water, the hungry girls came out to continue to feed in the second half.

Holly Derosett, Laura Canada, and Withers all scored twice in the second session to dominate Granite's attempts to hold back.

Senior co-captain Crystal Cavins also got her first goal of the season late in the 4th quarter.

"We started off a little slow," Cavins said. "I think we picked up more after we started scoring. They kind of backed off, and we were kind of backing off, too. We could have played harder, but we had our goals. We could have had more, too, but we had about 10 shots over the goal. So we had to practice those."

Granite City Gene Baker said GCHS did not try to run up the score.

"We didn't have a 13-run pool or anything that just happened," Baker said. "I have a lot of respect for the head coach at Wood River, and I think he really wants to lay it on him, but at the same time, you can't tell the girls not to score. We did spread it out and play from the back, and move slowly from the back on out. Then we didn't get the starters in the second half. A little bit at the way in which we were scored, as long as we put it in perspective. We didn't insult the other team and yet we did show them that we are a pretty good team."

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Dow set seven school basketball marks, led Kahoks to their winningest season

By Brian Bretsch
Staff writer

As a starter on the Collinsville High girls basketball team since the mid-point of her freshman year, Autumn Dow was going to be an important player in her senior season with the Kahoks this past winter.

Indeed, she became the key player in the most successful season in Collinsville girls basketball history.

The Kahoks set a program mark with 22 victories, finished second in the Southwestern Conference and reached the championship game of the IHSA Class AA Fairview Park Sectional before losing to state tournament-bound Salem.

And Dow was right in the middle of it as the team's leading individual scorer, setting school records for points in a single season and career.

Her accomplishments in basketball and in girls volleyball did not go unnoticed. Dow has been selected as the Female Athlete of the Year for Madison County by the Journal Newspapers of Southern Illinois.

She will be among 14 athletes honored Tuesday night at Busch Stadium in downtown St. Louis. The ceremony will take place prior to the Cardinals game against the San Francisco Giants. From the group of 14 — which also includes Ken Lutz, the Male Athlete of the Year for Madison County; and St. George Athlete of the Year Danielle Savary (Belleville West) and Mike Bowen (O'Fallon) — one boy and one



girl will be selected Athletes of the Year for the entire Suburban Journals circulation area.

"With as many great athletes there are in the area this is a great honor," said Dow, who will continue her basketball career at McKendree College.

Dow said the athletic success with individually and with her teammates are not the fondest memories she will carry from high school.

"I definitely remember all the friends I made here in the seasons," Dow said. "My best friends are in volleyball and basketball. I'll remember my closest relationships with the coaches. I will always look up in the stands and see my

family. Hopefully, they will continue to watch me in college."

Collinsville's first-year girls basketball coach, Steve McFall, will fondly remember the remarkable season Dow had. Dow scored 705 points this season — or 23.5 points a game — to break the record of points in a single campaign.

In her quest to set the single-season record, she also surpassed the career scoring mark of 1,260 points. She also set records for most free throws made in a season and in a career, and most career free throws.

"She went out and scored every night," McFall said. "When you start talking about scorers in the NBA or whatever level you have at — most scorers have good nights and bad nights. That just wasn't true with Autumn Dow. Autumn was a consistent player. A player I have ever been around in my life. That is saying a lot."

"Autumn had the ability to go out and get her points, get her rebounds, and protect the ball," McFall said. "She needed to give her all the credit for what she was able to do. I think she is a great basketball player. In basketball, She was that plus the fact that she was just a great kid to be around. She was the leader you would like to have. When we actually got onto the court, she actually led."



Collinsville senior Autumn Dow set seven school records in girls basketball — including points in a career and points in a single season.

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Courtney quietly one of SWC's best pitchers

Granite City senior racked up five straight wins, 6-2 mark

By Rick Broome
Staff writer

Granite City pitcher Sean Courtney was on a winning streak before the first game of Thursday night's Southwestern Conference doubleheader against Alton.

And the effort he gave in that game was one of his best of the spring. Courtney posted a 1-0 victory against the Warriors, handing Courtney his second loss of the season.

His winning streak began with the help of an adjustment to his delivery.

"He was 6-2, won five in a row, and obviously pitched well enough to win (Thursday) . . . only gave up one run," Granite City coach Greg Lignou said. "The thing that we did, Sean's problem before was that he threw too many strikes. He would get ahead of himself and the ball would just go right down the middle and he would lose hitters that he was ahead of. That's what was happening to him early in the year. We just said if you are going to miss, miss low or miss away. So that's what we did, that's what we talked about. He made that adjustment, and since that time he has had some success. He has made that adjustment. He has been absolutely terrific ever since."

Courtney agrees the adjustment has helped.

"I just started keeping the ball down low," Courtney said. "More of the time I pitch, they score a lot of runs for me. I just basically throw strikes."

The senior right-hander has kept his focus and the defensive bulk which have kept the Warriors below .500 this season.

"I just know that I can only do what I can do," Courtney said. "I can only pitch, and it's up to the other guys to get hits. I just have to keep on pitching my game and hopefully they can come and get some hits for me, get some runs."

Courtney's penchant for throwing strikes comes from the belief that strikes keep his defense in check.

"If you want to pitch, that's what you have to do," Courtney said. "You have to get ahead of the hitter so you can get them out. You want to. If you are behind them, you are going to get a good pitch to hit, and that's when they get good grips off you — home runs and everything." The first pitch of the game is the most important pitch to throw a strike on, to set them up and pitch them how you want to.

"It gets everybody in the field ready, because you know you are throwing strike out there, they are going to be ready; they aren't going to fall asleep. If you are throwing a fall of balls they are going to



Tim Stephenson photo

Granite City senior Sean Courtney gave up just one run Thursday against Alton but suffered his first defeat in six decisions for the Warriors.

just hang their heads, because they know there isn't a lot they can do."

Lignou appreciates Courtney's ability to get ahead of hitters.

"I think that, first of all, you

need to work ahead in the count, because as a pitcher you then have a much better position of getting the batter out," Lignou said. "But when you get ahead in the count, what you have to do is then

throw pitchers' pitches, and you have to make those hitters chase some pitches and swing at some pitches that the hitters won't be ahead in the count, they wouldn't swing at."

"I think that since Sean has

done that, he has gained a lot of confidence in himself, but his teammates have also gained a lot of confidence in him. His teammates feel that anything he goes to the mound, they have a pretty good chance to win, which is very important. He gets the ball, he works quick, he throws strikes, he makes good pitches. He is attacking, getting his position well, he has a little bulldog in him. So he does a lot of things well while he is out there, and I think that carries over to the dugout."

Courtney probably will take the mound Thursday in Granite City's regional opener against Bethalto Civic Memorial.

"Our season has been disappointing, but for the most part I think we have played hard," Courtney said. "I just want to go out there and throw and if we're giving it all I've got and just pitch well, keep the ball down, and make them put the ball in, play."

"As a team, hopefully we can start winning consistently. Instead of always going into a game and having a bad game, play consistently every game, and hopefully go to the state tournament."

Lignou thinks Courtney's competitive spirit is the type that help the Warriors pull off some postseason upsets.

"He has the desire to win, he wants to be successful," Lignou said. "He goes out and he goes right after them, he goes out and gets the job done, and that carries over into the rest of the team. He is not big by nature, he is only 5-foot-8. But he competes like a 6-foot-8. That's what I really like about him."

Girls track

IHSA Class AA
Collinsville Sectional

May 14

At Collinsville

Team Standing

1. Springfield-Lanphier	118	2. Springfield
Southwest	114	3. Chatham-Glenwood
53	4. Alton	50
53	5. Chatham	49
53	6. Granite City	20
53	7. Springfield	19
10 (tie)	8. Civic Memorial	12
10 (tie)	9. Jacksonville	12

Individual Results

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Alton	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Alton	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Brechin	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Kelley	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
McGinnis	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
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The pep talk must have been

like a high-pitched alarm clock because it awoke the Kahoks offense. CHS went onto score 14 straight goals, including three from Cally Gavlick, who notched a hat trick for the second consecutive game.

Cara LeMaster, Jeana Dietrich and Jaime Melch each collected two goals. Also scoring for the Kahoks were

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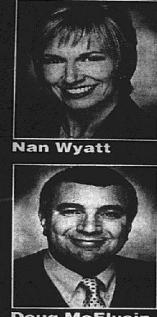
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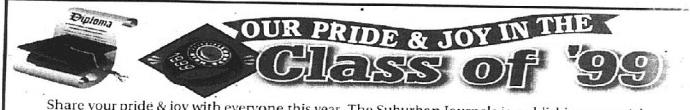
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Just as you wouldn't trust a novice with your car, neither should you put your relationship in the hands of someone who has an unwise track record. Keep options open as the emerging opportunities will promote growth, new opportunities and fresh starts. If someone is overly talkative, be wary.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (May 23). Now, what a year! May plus lucky numbers in June, August and November — give you the money and social entry to fulfill a dream. A move or job is typical, with Love comes itself in September, although singles may decide that a new Gemini romance is best. Authorities, bosses and family members side with you in July. Your lucky numbers are 4, 12, 29 and 58.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Get references and check out on your clients. You may have a legal case or find a way out of a sticky personal problem. People don't react as quickly as you'd like, but don't force matters. In love, back off just a bit.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Support seems nonexistent but lurks in the background. Needs become more apparent as relatives have merit. A current love is over-controlling. This won't change, so either give in or get out.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Luck depends on giving up old attitudes for real-world ideals. Coordinate schedules with an ex-love, or family hassles force you to spend money needless-



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ly. Calling the boss at home ensures you won't be bypassed for a raise.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You're doing double duty and not getting credit. Rock the boat today, as people will realize you are right. Love arises from common interests. Attend shows, auctions or sports events for luck, fun and friend-

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SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Recognize that a brush with success can become permanent as success for you is a major plus. Upgrade your life to reflect that new you. If pals resent your achievements, find new ones. Make a commitment in love.

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St. Louis Jazz Club holding Swansea concert June 6

The St. Louis Jazz Club will hold a concert from 5 to 9 p.m. June 6 at the Swansea Improvement Association, 301 Service St., Swansea.

Doors will open at 4 p.m. Admission is \$8 for members, \$10 for non-members and \$3

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Area moviegoers jam lobbies for 'Star Wars' opening showings

By Barbara M. Cope
Staff writer

For some, it would have taken "The Force" to keep them away from the premiere day of "Star Wars: Episode I — The Phantom Menace."

Moviegoers showed up almost two hours early, the lines for who already had tickets for the first prime time showing of the film grew longer and longer.

Dru Galer of Hillsboro was part of a group of 20 students from Greenville College that drove to Edwardsville for the first 7 p.m. screening.

"It was a very conscious decision for us to see it here because of the stadium seating and the great sound system. This was the only theater that met our criteria," Galer said as he took a break from throwing a ball with his friends.

Mary Chism, also a student at Greenville College but from East Galena, group, worried that she might sweat off her makeup as she waited for the show dressed in an ornate costume of Queen Amidala.

"For all the others, I came dressed as Princess Leia. She's my hero, and since she's not in this one, I decided to be her mother,"

Chism said. The costumes aren't new for theater manager Scott Grigsby. Even before the first show at 12:01 a.m. Wednesday, he had already gotten used to the idea of Jedi Knights roaming through the lobby.

"I worked for the company when we had the re-release of the other movies, and there were people in costumes then. We've seen quite a few of them," he said.

He said the most popular costumes were Darth Maul, the Emperor and several generic Jedi Knights. At least one Anakin Skywalker waited in line for the 7 p.m. show.

Although only six tickets remained for the show, Grigsby still had to make only one that day to create a queue or ticket shortage, noting that the first midnight show didn't even sell out until late Tuesday. He also said plenty of tickets remain for all of the weekend shows.

Movie Schedule

Film timetable for Sunday, May 23. For times on other days or to confirm these times, check local theaters.

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The Love Letter (PG-13) 1:00, 3:00, 6:00, 9:00
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Entrapment (PG-13) 2:00, 5:00, 7:30, 9:30

Foolish (R) 1:20, 3:20, 5:20, 7:50, 9:50

Poison (R) 1:20, 3:20, 5:20, 7:50, 9:50

Entrapment (PG-13) 1:30, 4:20, 7:30, 9:30

Star Wars (PG) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00

Star Wars (PG) 1:35, 3:35, 5:30, 7:30

Doug's First Movie (G) 1:15, 3:15, 5:15, 7:15, 9:15

HIP-POINT

1001 McCausland, 781-0800

Shakespeare In Love (R) 2:15, 4:45, 7:15

The Matrix (R) 1:25, 4:25, 7:15, 10:05
The Mummy (PG-13) 1:10, 4:45, 7:25, 9:45
Life (R) 1:05, 3:10, 5:45, 8:15
Life (R) 2:00, 4:15, 7:05, 9:30
10 Things I Hate About You (PG-13) 2:05, 4:40, 7:10, 9:10

Foolish (R) 1:20, 3:20, 5:20, 7:50, 9:50

Poison (R) 1:20, 3:20, 5:20, 7:50, 9:50

Entrapment (PG-13) 1:30, 4:20, 7:30, 9:30

Star Wars (PG) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00

Star Wars (PG) 1:35, 3:35, 5:30, 7:30

Doug's First Movie (G) 1:15, 3:15, 5:15, 7:15, 9:15

HIP-POINT

1001 McCausland, 781-0800

Shakespeare In Love (R) 2:15, 4:45, 7:15

LINCOLN THEATER

103 E. Main, Belleville, 233-0123

Payback (R) 7:10, 9:15

The Mummy (PG-13) 7:10, 9:15

The King And I (G) 7:15, 9:15

Carrie 2 (9:00)

NAMEOKI CINEMA

30 Nameoki Village, Granite City, 877-6633

10 Things I Hate About You (PG-13) 2:15, 7:00

The King And I (2:00, 6:45)

O'FALLON 15 CINE

1320 Central Park Dr., O'Fallon, 822-4900

The Love Letter (PG-13) 1:45, 3:45, 5:45, 8:00, 10:10

Forces Of Nature (PG-13) 2:00, 6:45

Lost And Found (PG-13) 2:30, 7:00

COTTONWOOD EDWARDSVILLE CINEMA

Edwardsville, 233-1220

Analyze This (R) 2:15, 7:15

Forces Of Nature (PG-13) 2:00, 6:45

Lost And Found (PG-13) 2:30, 7:00

ESQUIRE CINE

6708 Clayton Road, 781-3300

Star Wars (PG) 11:30, 1:40, 3:40, 5:45, 7:50, 9:55

Trippin (R) 2:00, 5:00, 7:15, 9:30

Star Wars (PG) 9:00, 11:45, 2:30, 4:30, 6:10, 8:15

Star Wars (PG) 10:00, 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:00

The Matrix (R) 10:30, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 9:30

Entrapment (PG-13) 2:15, 4:40, 7:10, 9:45

10 Things I Hate About You (PG-13) 2:00, 4:15, 7:05, 9:25

Electro (R) 2:20, 4:45, 7:05, 9:30

Never Been Kissed (PG-13) 2:45, 5:15, 7:50, 10:15

Life (R) 2:10, 4:30, 7:50, 10:45

Entrapment (PG-13) 5:00, 12:30, 3:50, 5:50

Entrapment (PG-13) 5:00, 10:10, 7:45

Star Wars (PG) 9:00, 12:00

Star Wars (PG) 10:00, 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:00

Star Wars (PG) 11:00, 2:00, 5:00, 7:00, 9:00

Star Wars (PG) 11:30, 2:30, 5:25, 8:30

Star Wars (PG) 12:00, 3:00, 6:00, 9:00

Star Wars (PG) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:30

Star Wars (PG) 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30

Trekies (PG) 1:00, 3:00, 5:10, 7:15, 9:15

HALLS FERRY 14 CINE

2600 Target Drive, 822-9005

Trippin (R) 11:15, 3:30, 5:30, 8:05

Trippin (R) 2:15, 4:35, 7:05, 9:15

QUAD CINEMA

Belleville, 233-1220

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Star Wars (PG) 10:00, 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00
Star Wars (PG) 11:00, 2:00, 5:00, 8:00
The Mummy (PG-13) 1:10, 4:10, 6:50, 9:50
The Mummy (PG-13) 1:00, 4:05, 7:00, 9:25
Trippin (R) 1:10, 4:35, 7:10, 9:20
Doug's First Movie (G) 1:20, 4:20, 7:10, 9:45

ROXANA CINE THEATER

Roxana, 25-6746

The Out Of Towners (PG-13) 2:00, 7:00

ST. CLAIR 10

50 Ludwig Drive, Fairview Heights, 388-1883

The Mummy (PG-13) 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 9:45

The Mummy (PG-13) 2:00, 5:00, 8:00
Black Mask (R) 1:05, 4:05, 7:00, 9:25

Trippin (R) 1:10, 4:35, 7:10, 9:20

Doug's First Movie (G) 1:20, 4:20, 7:10, 9:45

The Matrix (R) 1:20, 4:20, 7:30, 9:50

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Never Been Kissed (PG-13) 2:45, 5:15, 7:50, 10:15

Life (R) 2:10, 4:30, 7:50, 10:45

Entrapment (PG-13) 5:00, 10:10, 7:45

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Community Calendar

Church

GENERATION JESUS YOUTH GROUP, led by the youth minister, meets from 7 to 9 p.m. Sundays at Nameoki United Methodist Church, 1900 Pontoon Road.

JESUS EVERY THURSDAY (JETS), led by the music director, is for kids 3 to 11 years old. Meets from 7 to 8:15 p.m. Thursdays. Music Bible study and an offering. Meet at Delmar Methodist Church, 20th and Delmar. Mom's Bible study and share group meets at the same time as children. For more information, call 877-4555.

TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH Adventure Club, an after-school activity for grades 4-6, meets 3:30 to 5 p.m. Tuesdays at the church, 1900 Harris St. For more information, call 452-0273.

Community

MAIDSON COMMUNITY ACTION GROUP meets at 7 p.m. Wednesdays. For more information, call Dan at 452-2336 or Diane at 870-1360.

Food/Nutrition

MEALS ON WHEELS sponsored by Madison County Business Association. Free meals to anyone in need, 4:30 to 6 p.m. Tuesdays at Grace Baptist Church, 2600 Edwards Street, Granite City. Everyone is welcome.

RESCUE MISSION food pantry is open from 9 a.m. to noon Saturdays at 1936 Fourth St. in Madison. Samuel Turner is the chairman. Valonda Turner is the secretary and Alfred Turner is the pastor.

Health/Exercise

MDA SENIOR CITIZEN EXERCISE CLASS, 9 a.m. Thursdays at Anchorage Recreation Center, 2309 Edwards St. For more information, call Bobbi at 452-0273.

TOPS 2363, 6:30 p.m. Thursdays at Anchorage Recreation Center, 2309 Edwards St. For more information, call Bobbi at 452-0273.

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What You Need To Know About Bifocal Contact Lenses
Presbyopia no longer sentences you to life with glasses

by Mark A. Yates, OD
Illinois Eye Specialists

Presbyopia usually begins to affect people in their early 40's. It is a natural change in the eye that limits a person's ability to focus when reading or doing work that requires near vision. The bad news is presbyopia affects all of us. The good news is that there are many bifocal contact lenses now available that can give you freedom from eyeglasses or reading glasses.

Some patients find that a bifocal contact lens works best for them. Many of the new bifocal lenses actually mirror a bifocal lens in eyeglasses. Part of the lens corrects for distance vision, while a separate part of the lens allows for near seeing. Bifocal contacts come in soft, hard and continuous wear designs.

Monovision is a system where a patient wears a contact lens for distance vision in one eye and a lens for near vision in the other. This is also a very effective option for patients who need no distance correction, but are now having difficulty reading.

Thanks to the variety of lenses available many of our patients have found a way to compensate for presbyopia without wearing eyeglasses or reading glasses. If you would like to schedule an examination or would like more information on bifocal contact lenses please call one of our offices listed below.

Illinois Eye Specialists
Maryville - #12 Maryville Professional Center - 288-7266
Granite City - #12 Nameoki Village - 876-6333
Visit our Web Site at www.illinoiseye.com

Bring a friend and get \$4 off your next lunch at Noon Networking. Restaurant on Nameoki Road.

TOPS 2048 (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) will meet at 6:45 p.m. Tuesdays at the Anchorage Recreation Center, 2309 Edwards St., call 877-2724 for more information. Men and women are welcome to attend.

TOPS 1111, 6:45, 7 p.m. Mondays at Anchorage Recreation Center, 2309 Edwards St., Granite City, 452-6102. Men and women welcome.

MAIDSON COUNTY URBAN LEAGUE HEALTH CARE SERVICES offers the following each week at 10 a.m. at the Maidsen Center. Walk-in pregnancy testing and prescription refills, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Mondays; Family planning services, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesdays; STD testing and treatment, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Wednesdays; and family planning services, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Thursdays. Call 452-6394 for appointments or more information.

THE RUTH CIRCLE OF CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP meets at 7 p.m. the third Thursday of each month at the Ruth Circle Center, 905 Thorngate Drive in Mitchell.

LYDIA CIRCLE of Nameoki United Methodist Church meets at 1 p.m. the third Thursday of each month. For more information, ring 877-1936.

BURT - BUBBLEMASTER'S UNDERWATER RESCUE TEAM meets at 7 p.m. the third Wednesday of each month at 4960 Old Alton Road, next to the Mitchell Fire Protection Department. Tours are available by appointment, 931-6317, or write to the above address.

EAGLE PARK ACRE SENIORS OF MADISON meet from 10 a.m. to noon on the third Friday of each month at the Eagle Park Acres, 1940 Cleveland Blvd., in Granite City.

SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS, a hereditary group for descendants over age 12 of Confederate veterans, meets each third Thursday of the month at the Nameoki Restaurant in Granite City. Call 877-3065 for more information.

GRANITE CITY BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL WOMEN meet at Jerry's Cafeteria. Dinner is at 6:30 p.m. third Wednesday of each month, followed by a program at 7:15 p.m. Meetings are open to the public. For more information, call 452-5391 or 451-6314.

NOON NETWORKING FOR WOMEN takes place from noon to 1 p.m. the third Wednesday of each month at the Ramada Inn in Fairview Heights. The cost is \$10 (no annual dues). Please feel free to bring your business cards and brochures.

GRANITE CITY KIWANIS CLUB meets at 7:30 a.m. Tuesdays at Big Boy's

Restaurant on Nameoki Road.

TRI CITY PARK NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH meetings are held at 7 p.m. the third Friday of the month in the Tri-City Square Church Hall, 12th Street and Franklin Avenue, Road. All residents are welcome.

THE JOLEY QUILTERS meet from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursdays at the Quilting Center, 905 Thorngate Drive in Mitchell.

EAGLE PARK ACRE SENIORS OF MADISON meet from 10 a.m. to noon on the third Friday of each month at the Eagle Park Acres, 1940 Cleveland Blvd., in Granite City.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON PINOCHE CLUB, for seniors 55 and over, meets at 12:30 p.m. every Friday at the Harold Brown Recreation Center, Franklin Avenue and Pontoon Road. Call 877-0350 for more information.

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ILLINOIS POWER CO	17-1-20-02-00-000-002	956570	235250
PONTOON BAPTIST CHURCH	17-1-20-02-00-000-004.007	9590	7520
MANHEIM SERVICES CORP	17-1-20-06-00-000-005.T00	8090	2510
MARSHALL COUNTY CORP	17-1-20-10-00-000-007	5	5
ILLINOIS POWER CO	17-1-20-10-00-000-009	11760	6360
QUALITY BEACH HOMES	17-1-20-11-02-201-002	63680	647350
SHAFER, LORI	17-1-20-11-18-301-001.001	95	50
SHAFER, SUEAN	17-1-20-11-18-301-016	1110	1070
SHAFER, SUSAN	17-1-20-11-18-301-016	51370	1070
HARDESTY, R	17-1-20-11-18-301-016	395	345
HUNTER, WILLIAM G	17-1-20-11-00-000-025.010	42360	38800
KNIGHT, MICHAEL J JR	17-1-20-14-00-000-004.007	30220	23320
FULL GOSPEL FELLOWSHIP	17-1-20-14-00-000-025.003	4740	0
PEACE FELLOWSHIP	17-1-20-14-00-000-025.002	22940	960
ILLINOIS POWER COMPANY	17-1-20-16-00-000-016	2220	2500
MAYFIELD, CHARLES R	17-1-20-24-00-000-008.004	3150	2500
SATIN, ROBERT W	17-1-20-25-00-000-008.001*	30	0
STATE OF ILLINOIS	17-1-20-25-00-000-008.001*	4740	0
ILLINOIS POWER CO	17-1-20-29-00-000-001	76330	14840
CITY OF MADISON	17-1-20-31-00-000-010.T00*	17	1250
GATEWAY NATIONAL GOLF	17-1-20-31-00-000-010.T00	23590	60770
GATEWAY NATIONAL GOLF	17-1-20-31-00-000-016.T00	16940	0
GATEWAY NATIONAL GOLF	17-1-20-31-00-000-016.T00	18540	0
FOWLES, JERRY	17-1-20-33-00-000-005.001	115	350
FOWLES, JERRY	17-1-20-33-00-000-005.004	3210	800
FOWLES, JERRY	17-1-20-33-00-000-005.005	30	0
DENNIG, PETER AND LOUIS JR	17-1-20-33-00-000-013.001	1490	650
DENNIG, PETER EIAL	17-1-20-33-00-000-013.001	60	840
FOWLES, JERRY	17-1-20-34-00-000-005.004	10	0
FOWLES, JERRY	17-1-20-34-00-000-005.004	10	0
JATEF, THOMAS BARRY	17-2-20-02-05-101-020	32790	31150
HAYDEN, ROBIN E	17-2-20-02-05-102-007	1580	1580
MCLELLAN, KATHLEEN T	17-2-20-02-09-102-024	23860	20160
LASSEN, HAROLD A JR	17-2-20-02-09-102-024	177160	16500
GREY, CLARENCE T	17-2-20-02-09-103-011	177160	16500
HANKINS, GARDNER JR	17-2-20-02-13-302-013	8860	6110
SILVERMAN, LEE ROY II	17-2-20-02-17-302-007	3610	0
LONG LAKE VOLUNTEER	17-2-20-02-17-302-007	20	0
LONG LAKE VOLUNTEER	17-2-20-02-17-302-007	79690	59010
STANTON, LEO J & RUBY M	17-2-20-03-08-201-001	23740	27360
FIFTHEN, ANDREW L	17-2-20-03-08-203-023	23840	23840
MILLER, KEVIN B	17-2-20-03-15-402-016	16010	6640
SHIMMEL, JAMES D	17-2-20-03-16-401-007	28930	21670
GARIS, ALAN R	17-2-20-03-16-401-008	540	200
PAPP, THOMAS J JR	17-2-20-03-16-402-008	20920	17140
HORNBECK, ERIC	17-2-20-03-20-402-001	16100	15100
REYNOLDS, CHARLES W	17-2-20-03-20-402-001	16100	5000
BROWN, MORRIS J	17-2-20-03-20-402-001	16100	6900
WOLK, DALE S	17-2-20-03-20-402-001	9723	9500
CODDIER, STEVEN C	17-2-20-04-16-401-001	27290	24280
KNAAPP, WILLIAM N	17-2-20-04-16-401-005	18690	14920
COOK, DENNIS R	17-2-20-04-16-401-005	14480	1180
SEEMILLE, HANS	17-2-20-04-16-401-005	23600	2000
KNAAPP, WILLIAM N	17-2-20-04-16-401-008	16790	10730
NORTON, WALTER A	17-2-20-04-17-302-004	11790	1350
CARPER, JEFFREY R	17-2-20-04-17-302-006	27760	27760
ILL POWER CO	17-2-20-05-12-201-012	32490	32000
FULLER, JERRY E	17-2-20-05-12-201-012	17	0
MAHL, NORMAN G	17-2-20-05-12-201-012	17	0

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HONCHAK, JOHN SR	17-2-20-10-00-000-088	2670	4000
HONCHAK, JOHN SR	17-2-20-10-00-000-089	2380	4000
HONCHAK, JOHN SR	17-2-20-10-00-000-090	2440	4000
HONCHAK, JOHN SR	17-2-20-10-00-000-091	2730	4000
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HONCHAK, JOHN SR	17-2-20-10-00-000-105	3160	4000
HONCHAK, JOHN SR	17-2-20-10-00-000-106	3160	4000
HONCHAK, JOHN SR	17-2-20-10-00-000-107	3160	4000
HONCHAK, JOHN SR	17-2-20-10-00-000-108	3160	4000
HONCHAK, JOHN SR	17-2-20-10-00-000-109	1620	330
HONCHAK, JOHN SR	17-2-20-10-00-000-110	17290	34450
HONCHAK, JOHN SR	17-2-20-10-00-000-111	17290	34450
METROCENTER FOR LIFE	17-2-20-10-07-202-007	20800	0
METROCENTER FOR LIFE	17-2-20-10-08-201-003	20800	0
MERTZ, CYDNE F	17-2-20-10-12-201-009	12550	10400
MERTZ, CYDNE F	17-2-20-10-12-201-011	12550	10400
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MERTZ, CYDNE F	17-2-20-10-12-201-013	12550	10400
MERTZ, CYDNE F	17-2-20-10-12-202-003	12550	10400
MERTZ, CYDNE F	17-2-20-10-12-202-016	12550	10400
MERTZ, CYDNE F	17-2-20-10-12-202-017	12570	10400
MERTZ, CYDNE F	17-2-20-10-12-202-018	12570	10400
MERTZ, CYDNE F	17-2-20-10-12-202-019	12570	10400
MERTZ, CYDNE F	17-2-20-10-12-202-020	12570	10400
MERTZ, CYDNE F	17-2-20-10-12-202-021	12570	10400
MERTZ, CYDNE F	17-2-20-10-12-202-022	12570	10400
MERTZ, CYDNE F	17-2-20-10-12-202-023	12570	10400
MERTZ, CYDNE F	17-2-20-10-12-202-024	12670	10400
STEWART, WALTER M	17-2-20-11-05-101-041	25070	23630
FINE, BRADLEY H	17-2-20-11-05-101-042	24710	22570
HANNAN, JACK M	17-2-20-11-05-102-029	3460	1080
ILLINOIS POWER CO	17-2-20-11-13-301-002	36940	17980
KLINE, CHARLES SHANE	17-2-20-11-13-302-002	**	**
POHORN, RICHARD	17-2-20-12-01-101-012	12690	6890
MCGRANAHAN, EDDIE	17-2-20-25-01-102-030	11530	6890
LASSEN, HAROLD ALFRED	17-2-20-25-01-102-030	13870	12730
CLARK, DAVID L	17-2-20-30-05-102-011	4760	4490
RAINIER, NANCY	17-2-20-30-05-104-011	4760	4490
RAINIER, NANCY	17-2-20-30-05-104-012	15180	10580
RAINIER, NANCY	17-2-20-30-05-106-025	15180	10580
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RAINIER, NANCY	17-2-20-30-05-106-026	15470	11270
SEC. OF HOUSING	17-2-20-30-05-102-030	13310	7000
VARADY, JAMES ROBERT	17-2-20-30-13-302-002	10570	6250
WILLMAN, JACK JR	17-2-20-30-16-002-026	8310	5630
WOOD, RONALD L	17-2-20-30-16-002-029	11890	9620
LASICHT, WILLIAM S JR	17-2-20-30-16-003-301-001*	11890	10820
ROBERTS, LAURA KRISTINE	17-2-20-30-16-003-301-002*	25150	14240
ROBERTS, LAURA KRISTINE	17-2-20-30-16-003-301-002*	15180	14240
WARREN, ROBERT L	17-2-20-30-16-003-301-012	15180	14240

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I, THE UNDERSIGNED, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF REVIEW OF MADISON COUNTY,
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ON APRIL 23, 1999

KERRY N. MILLER, CHAIRMAN
MADISON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
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NAMOEKI TOWNSHIP
CHANGES BY CERTIFICATES OF ERROR
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Agents claim a piece of the action

Outsourcing of accounts receivables adds up to opportunities for independent agents

By Barbara Ponder

Collecting other people's accounts can be a lucrative business, as Gina Ward has discovered.

Ward of Black Jack formed G.L. Ward and Associates in June. She has never regretted the move.

"I'm very, very busy," she said, adding she now employs two temporary employees on a contract basis to assist with backlog.

G.L. Ward offers accounts receivable management for doctors, including billing, tracking insurance claims and collecting accounts.

Ward has a master's degree in health services management from Webster University and was working about four years as a supervisor at Barnes Jewish West County Hospital.

A person interested in managing accounts for healthcare professionals would be well suited to working in a doctor's office.

"There's a lot of technical expertise," Ward said. "You need to be familiar with insurance companies and how the whole process works." Collection experience is great as well.

Working in healthcare is a way to develop contacts that may be used when starting accounts management services.

However, Ward said, even with her connections, she developed about percent of her initial client base through cold calling.

Ward uses software designed for healthcare accounts and collections. She estimates the startup costs of the business at about



Christian Gooden photo

Gina Ward owns her own collection agency.

\$5,000, including a computer and other office equipment.

Collectors generally charge a few percent on debts, she said. Agents may make between \$0,000 and \$80,000 annually, depending upon the amount of clients served.

The National Collectors Association is one of the industry's professional organizations. The association estimates that bad debt costs each adult in the U.S. about \$450 per year, equating to about 54 pay-as-you-go hours for an average non-supervisory employee.

Most ACA members collect medical bills and medical accounts. The average recovery rate for such accounts is 23.06

percent.

Ward expects work to increase as outsourcing becomes more prevalent.

"A lot of doctors are finding that their staff cannot handle the level of business and tasks required to maintain a certain level of service to their patients," she said. "A company like mine can encompass both the billing and collection."

A person working in healthcare accounts and collections must keep abreast of changes in the industry and the law.

The International Code of Diagnosis, used to complete claims, is updated annually. The use of incorrect code results in

claims being returned or paid at a incorrect rate.

Prompt turnaround is important.

"It takes roughly 30 to 45 days for an insurance claim to be processed," Ward said. "The longer you wait in getting that done, the longer it will take to collect if it's the patient's responsibility."

If the address and phone number that the doctor's office provided is incorrect, an agent will initiate a skip trace on the individual.

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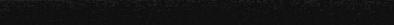
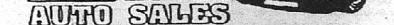
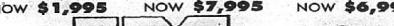
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TT coupe is TT-errific

By Tom Strongman

Audi's TT coupe is the car that will "crossover," the Audi brand says. Walter Hayek, Audi marketing director, had set the direction for the company's future.

Len Hunt, vice president in charge of Audi, reinforces that notion by calling it an "icon" that is important because it "heralds the new era" of the Audi automobile. He adds a few thousand units to overall sales.

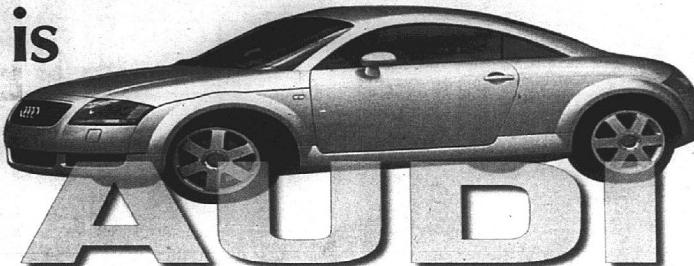
In other words, the TT is to Audi what the Viper is to Dodge and the New Beetle is to Volkswagen: a halo car whose glow radiates across the whole model line.

The TT is starting to look like a hit. There is only one drawback: Audi plans to have only 4,000 or so available in the U.S. this year and 10,000 next year (out of a worldwide production of 50,000). It is produced at Audi's new plant in Györ, Hungary. Getting your hands on one is likely to require the patience of Job.

The TT gets its name from the Tourist Trophy, motorizing's oldest race. A 180-horsepower, 1.8-liter, turbocharged four-cylinder engine with five valves per cylinder drives the front wheels through a five-speed manual gearbox.

A four-door Quattro version will be offered later this year, followed at some point next year by a 225-horsepower roadster version.

I sampled TT's visual impact and traffic-stopping looks first-hand while driving early production models during a recent



media preview in Austin, Texas. As my co-pilot and I sat at a traffic light, a young woman in a Camaro convertible interrupted her cell phone conversation to shower praise on our car and inquire about its origin.

"She looked like a Volkswagen moon something," she said. We could have sold her one on the spot.

The fact that she saw a resemblance to the Volkswagen Beetle is no coincidence, because the two cars have much in common. They share the same basic platform and were penned by the same designer, Freeman Thomas, who works in Volkswagen's Wolfsburg design studio. (Audi is an upscale branch of Volkswagen.)

Squint your eyes and the TT looks like a Beetle shot through space at warp speed. This pure, elegant shape began life as a concept car at the Frankfurt Motor Show in 1995. Deviations from the original design are minuscule; something rarely seen because the translation from sketch pad to assembly line usually requires substantial design compromises.

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The lean and taut body is stretched over wide-spoke alloy wheels like lyres on a weight-lifter. Circles are everywhere. Geometrical shapes and front/rear symmetry are key elements. New production techniques, such as brazing, enabled Audi to retain the sharp edges where the roof joins the body.

On the road, driving down roads in the Texas hill country, the TT's road holding was superb. The cars we drove were outfitted with the optional 17-inch alloy wheels, and their grip on the road was impressive. In fact, the quicksilver steering perfectly weighted and enables the TT to knife through turns as precisely as a beagle hound chasing a rabbit scent. Even though the wheelbase is only 95.4 inches, the ride was firm without being choppy or rough.

The four-cylinder engine feels bigger on the road than its specifications would indicate, thanks in large measure to the small turbocharger that gives it the low-speed responsiveness of a much larger engine. Data from the car show you're greeted with a reassuring surge of power. Lean on it longer and the engine's power continues to build. Acceleration (zero to 60 mph in 7.4 seconds) is pleasingly quick. High-speed cruising is effortless.

Four-wheel disc brakes with standard anti-lock, scrub off speed, are impressive.

The tiny back seat is just big enough for your briefcase or knapsack. The trunk is small but will hold a couple of carry-on bags. Folding the back seat nearly doubles the cargo space.

Colors for now are pearl black and silver. Two green and grey pearl black will be offered later.

I will reserve final judgment on the TT until I get to spend more time with a standard production model, but from what I have seen so far, I would say TT stands for "Top This."

The base price is \$30,500. With 17-inch wheels, all-leather seats, sunroof, headlights and Bose stereo, the sticker price will be \$33,925.

The warranty is for three years or 50,000 miles, including no charge for maintenance during that period.

Several auto ads make "best" list

By Rick Stoff

Few products depend on brand image for instant success, as much as automobiles. It should not be surprising that automobile companies are well represented on a

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in 1999, distinguished its tiny, economical Beetles apart from the big, gaudy, unecessarily bulky cars of the day. The campaign was named the No. 1 advertising series of the 20th century by Advertising Age magazine.

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the car."

Through much of the century, however, the auto industry has set trends in advertising by size. That's what happened in the 1920s on the Advertising Age list was the "Somewhere West of Laramie" piece run in magazines by the Jordan Motor Car Co. in 1923 for its Playboy car.

Jordan was one of the first companies in the auto industry to do any business to sell image rather than nuts and bolts or product attributes. Jordan also was the first to aim car advertising at women as well.

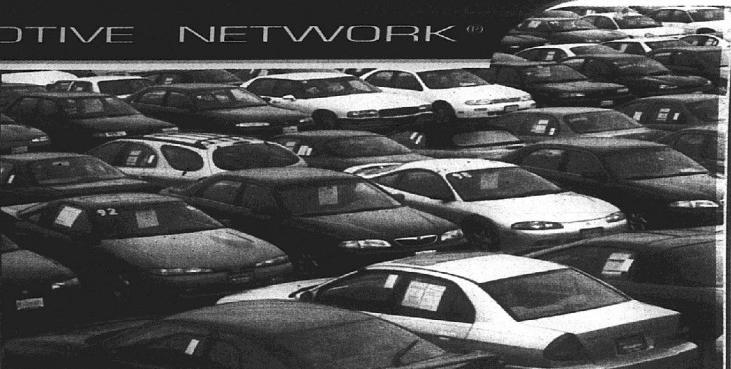
The famous ad carried a stylized sketch of an automobile racing past a man on a horse, then several paragraphs of dramatic copy telling the story of a "bulldozer-busting, steel-tire-gnawing, love-them-or-leave-them wild and tame." It urged readers to

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The Saturn Corp. launch campaign, "A different kind of company. A different kind of car," was placed at 37th in the survey of the 100 greatest ads ever. The ad, a short film of "See the USA in your Chevrolet," sung originally by Dinah Shore in the 1950s, which was 41st?

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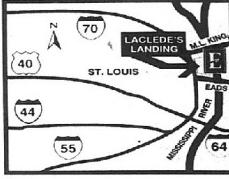
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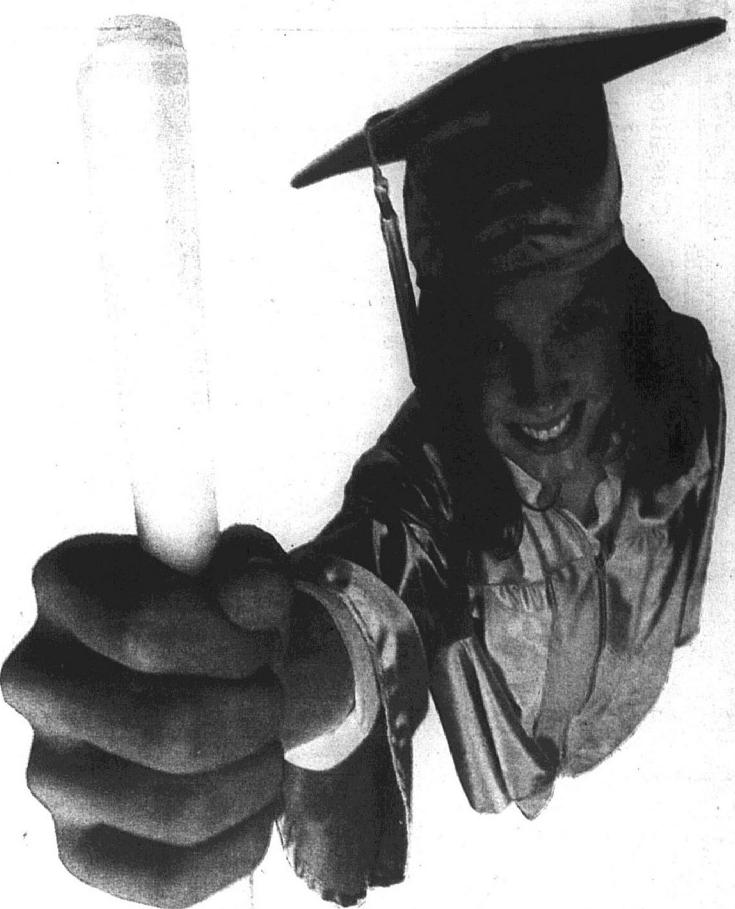
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Congratulations to the Graduates

Tips on what to give the new graduate

Cold hard cash still popular, but so are photo frames, albums and stationery

By Cathy Cohn
Correspondent

The May and June months bring relief to graduating students, and many in the area will be walking through hallowed school institution doors for the last time, which for most is gift enough.

But the question remains for those wanting to commemorate the occasion: What should you give someone for a graduation gift?

Two local Jan's Hallmark stores in the area are ready for the onslaught of graduation gift shoppers that will appear soon, and have several items to mark the event.

Both the Granite City and the Collinsville locations were quick to suggest a popular stuffed plush dog toy that is designed to hold money inside it. The dog runs about \$10.95 and solves the problem of someone wanting to give money but

make it more personal than just cold hard cash.

Stuffed animals in general sell well, says Marsha Lowery, Granite City store manager.

In addition to the plush money dogs, Cherish Teddy Bears and the ubiquitous Beanie Babies also are very popular.

"Girls and guys like to give and receive stuffed animals," Lowery said. "They're cute, inexpensive and sentimental, without being too personal."

Mindy Stephens, manager of the Collinsville store location, said that for those wanting a very special commemorative gift, the Precious Moment Graduation Figurines,

which run about \$30-40, are lovely and popular items, and are usually given from family members. They have the graduation year on

them, which is even more special in this turn of the century year, and the figurines even come in blonde or brunette, to make it more personal to the graduate.

Other practical and meaningful graduation gifts include photo frames and albums, which can really help a homesick college student feel closer to his or her home ties. Stationery sets, with matching pens, are also great gifts and help the student keep in touch with family and friends. A nice

touch, Stephens noted, is supplying a roll of postage stamps as well.

"Then the graduate will have no excuse for not sending you a letter!" she noted with a laugh.

Another popular and inexpensive gift item that is being preordered at the Jan's Stores are Balloon Bouquets, which feature festive inflated mylar and latex balloons for only \$5.95.

There are several good gift ideas that cost from \$5-20, which is what most people spend, the store managers concurred. But both warned potential gift givers not to overlook the all time classic and favorite graduation gift to seniors everywhere—money, presented in a lovely Hallmark money enclosure card.

"Money is always the right color, size, shape, and style," Stephens noted. "And I've never seen anyone want to return it."

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Off to college? What to expect

If you've been preoccupied with finals, start thinking ahead

Most high school seniors have been anxiously awaiting their upcoming graduation day for what seems forever, eager for that chance to be grown up and independent.

Some seniors will stay in the area or get jobs after high school graduation, but many of them will go off to college, some to places they've never seen. Even those staying in the bi-state area will find that their lifestyle as they know it is about to change, and being prepared for these changes can be very valuable.

The shock of not being at home anymore, while exhilarating at first, can be very frightening, says Dr. Janet McReynolds, Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville. She's watched college freshman come through their doors since 1977, and can usually spot one a mile away.

She's aware of the changes they're going through, she said, and has devised a few tips to help them cope.

"The first thing we suggest college freshmen do is to attend orientation if their institution provides one," McReynolds advises.

"It can offer a lot of valuable information."

"The first thing we advise college freshmen to do is to figure out a schedule. They need to sit down and devise a schedule of how they're going to manage their time to their best advantage."

Dr. Janet McReynolds
SIUE Associate Vice Chancellor

She also strongly encourages freshmen to contact their advisors immediately after arrival and to set up and appointment right away.

"Everyone is assigned an advisor here at SIU-E, and they need to seek him or her out and utilize that advisor to the fullest potential," she says.

That advisor can be instrumental in helping the incoming freshman to devise a schedule, decide on a major, even

help with roommate problems.

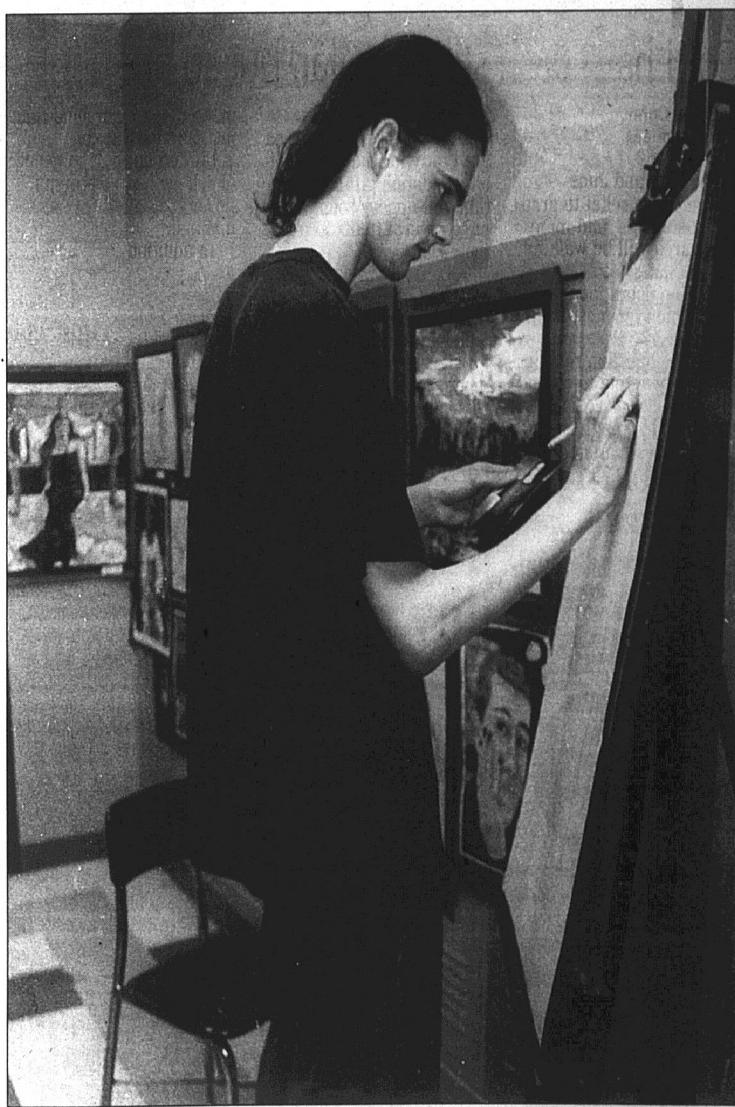
Another thing McReynolds stresses is to read and save the written materials the college has sent to the student.

"This might sound basic, but you'd be surprised how many students don't hang onto the material and figure out halfway into the term that they need it."

The information can answer many questions the student might have on campus policies such as drinking, scheduling, activities on campus, locations of offices or "hangouts", important phone numbers, and so on.

Another hurdle freshmen face is learning to manage their time in their new envi-

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ronment.

Much of their time has usually been managed for them, and now that Mom and Dad aren't nearby to do a lot of things for them, they are left standing and shaking their heads at the challenge.

"The first thing we advise college freshmen to do is to figure out a schedule," McReynolds advised.

"They need to sit down and devise a schedule of how they're going to man-

age their time to their best advantage. They need to be conscious that there are 24 hours in the day, and they need six to eight for sleeping.

Some kids really don't think about that! From there they need to block out class time, study time, and goofing off time. They need to learn to set priorities."

Again, she said, advisors are very helpful in this.

Dr. McReynolds also warns incoming freshmen about the one thing they

think won't happen to them becoming homesick.

This is a phenomenon she says occurs mostly within the first three to six weeks.

"Homesickness is a part of leaving home and growing up," she notes.

However, she adds, if the homesickness becomes obsessive and interrupts the student's grades, she strongly suggests the student contacting his or her advisor and seek help.

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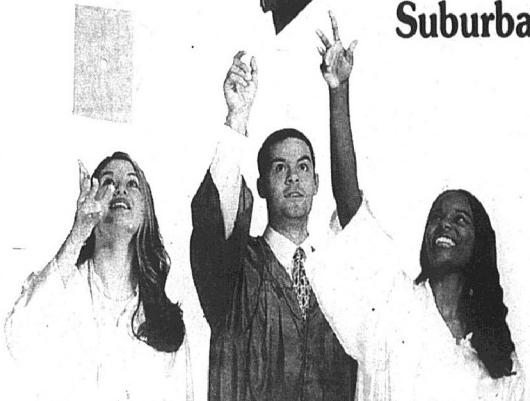
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Granite City wrestlers triumph this year

Boys soccer team also had success, win conference

By Rick Broome
Staff writer

The Granite City athletic teams added just one state trophy to the case in the 1998-99 school year, but it was a terribly important one.

The Granite City wrestling team, the high school's hallmark athletic program, finished fourth in the Illinois High School Association Class AA state meet this winter. The accomplishment marked Granite City's best showing since 1966 (third place).

Coach Mike Garland's wrestlers saw its streak of regular season dual match victories end at 130 consecutive wins but that match was against Class AA state champion New Lenox Providence as the Warriors prepared for the state competition.

A junior, George Kirgan, led the Warriors in the individual state meet by placing third in the 160-pound weight class.

Other leaders for the Warriors this season were Brooks Narvaez, Kevin Venne and their senior classmates - Ryan Worthen, Justin Hale, Craig Mooshegian and Ben Lofink.

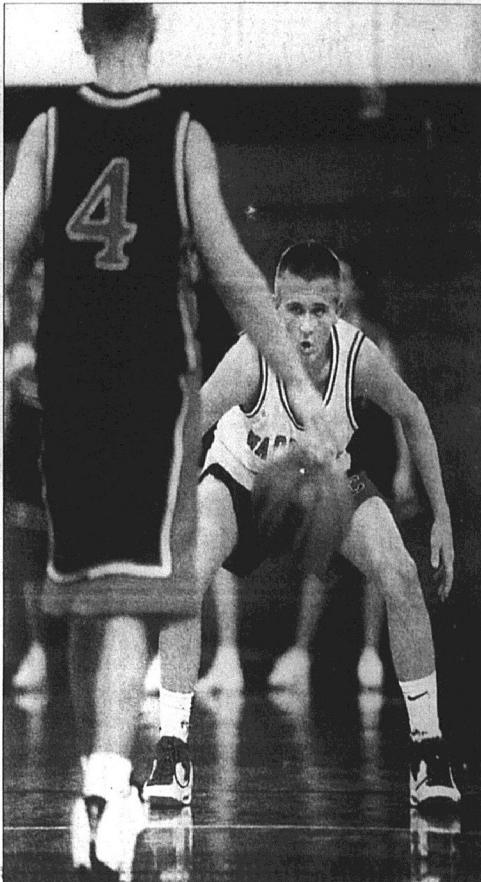
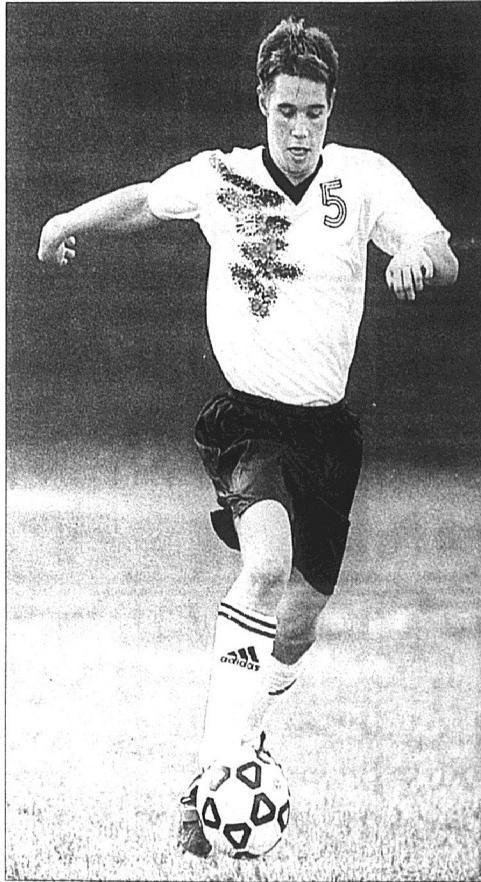
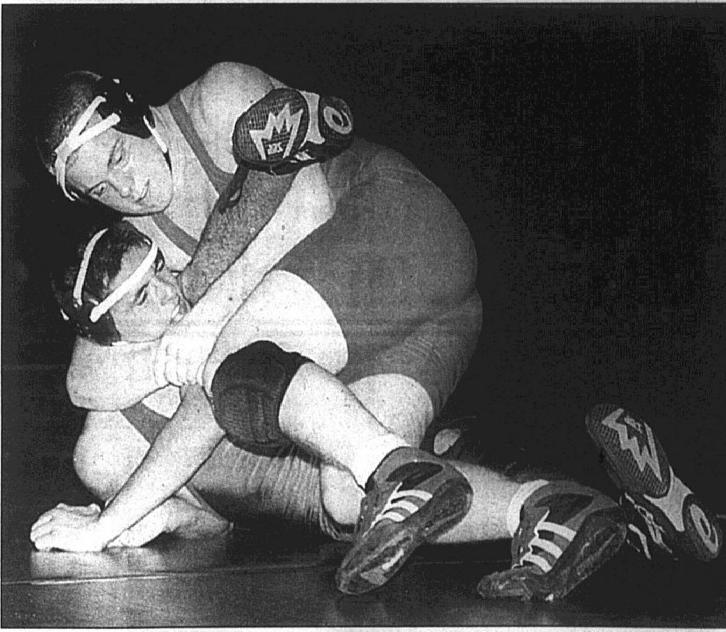
In addition to regional and sectional champions, the Warriors won the Morton Invitational and finished second to Oakville

(Mo.) High School at the William "Red" Schmitt Holiday Classic.

The Granite City boys soccer team had success in the regular season, winning the Southwestern Conference championship, but the Warriors fell to Alton in penalty kicks in the opening round of the IHSA Class AA regional.

The Granite City boys track team was led in the

See GCSPORTS, Page 17



Tim Stephenson photos
(Clockwise, from top) Granite City senior Kevin Venne wraps up an opponent; junior guard Zach May guards an opponent from Edwardsville, whom the Warriors upset in early season.

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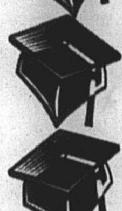
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Unit 10 superintendent Tom Fegley resigns

Fegley came to school district in August 1996

One year before his contract is scheduled to end, Unit 10 Superintendent Dr. Tom Fegley has announced he will retire in June 2000.

Some board members did not vote on whether to accept Fegley's resignation.

"I could not, in good conscience, vote to accept the resignation of a good leader," said board member Gary Kusmierczak.

"He brought us into the 21st century with the technology program, and knew about school finances and school programs. He was a well-rounded, capable superintendent. This is our loss and it's a result of board politics."

Fegley, who made the

announcement after the board's May meeting, said he has been looking forward to retirement and that his decision only indirectly was a result of the defeat of the school bond issue.

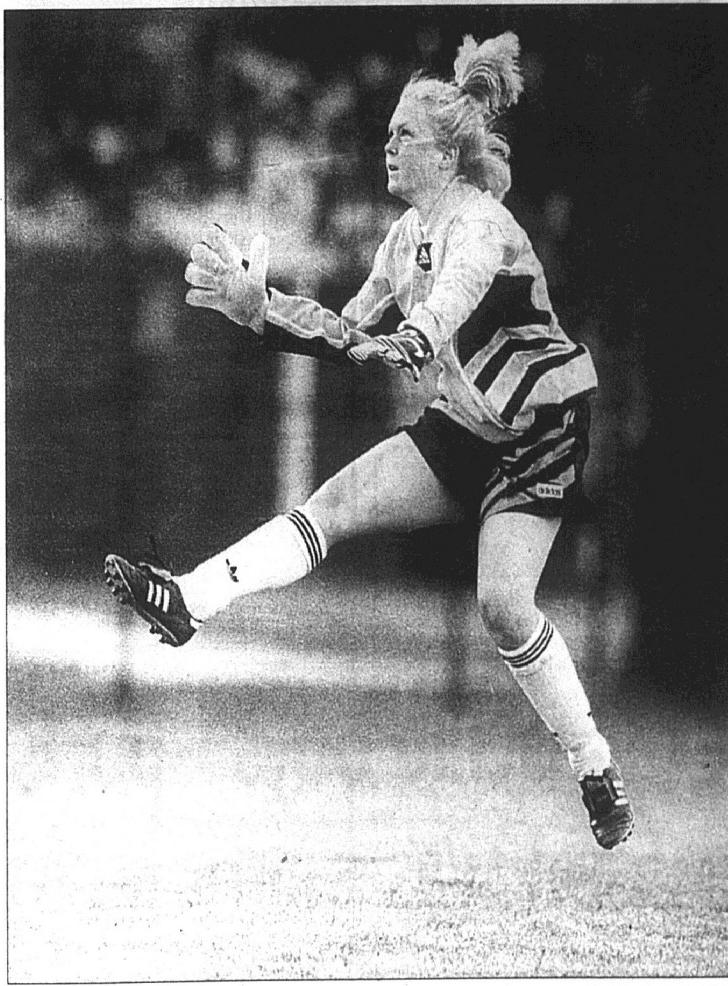
"Had the referendum passed, I would have felt obliged to stay and continue until my contract was up," he said.

Fegley said he may pursue a teaching position in the education department of a liberal arts college.

"This just seemed like a good opportunity to go ahead and retire," he said.

Fegley came to the district with a three-year contract in August 1996.

- Val McDowell



Tim Stephenson photo

GC girls soccer player Felicia Mohsen and her teammates made the final four this spring.

GC girls basketball renewed

Track team grows, soccer team looks ahead

The Granite City girls basketball team can celebrate the success of a turnaround season in 1998-99.

The Warriors program struggled through a 3-22 season the previous winter but stayed around the .500 mark this winter before settling with a 12-15 record.

The Warriors were led by Debra Aaron's consistent play at center and Jan Shanafelt's work at point guard. While those two seniors are graduating, their ability to set the

Warriors on the right path will help youngsters such as Jessica Wallace next season.

The Warriors girls track team also seems on the right path for the future with sophomores Shannon Stapleton and Penny Meyer and freshman Faith Yurcisin. Granite City fared well in its meets this spring and sent senior Amber Ridgeway to the IHSA state meet for the 300-meter run.

The Granite City girls soccer team fell short of its

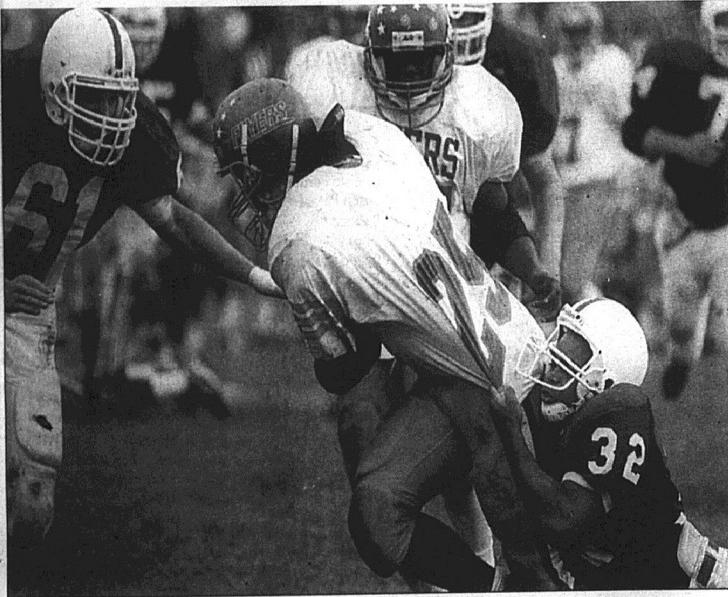
goal to win the Southwestern Conference title, fighting through personnel losses, suspensions and injury to finish above .500. The Warriors were led by senior captain Melissa Montgomery, an all-state performer, as they prepared for their postseason bid.

The Granite City athletic program had a first in 1998-99, fielding the school's first girls bowling team to compete in IHSA-sanctioned competition.

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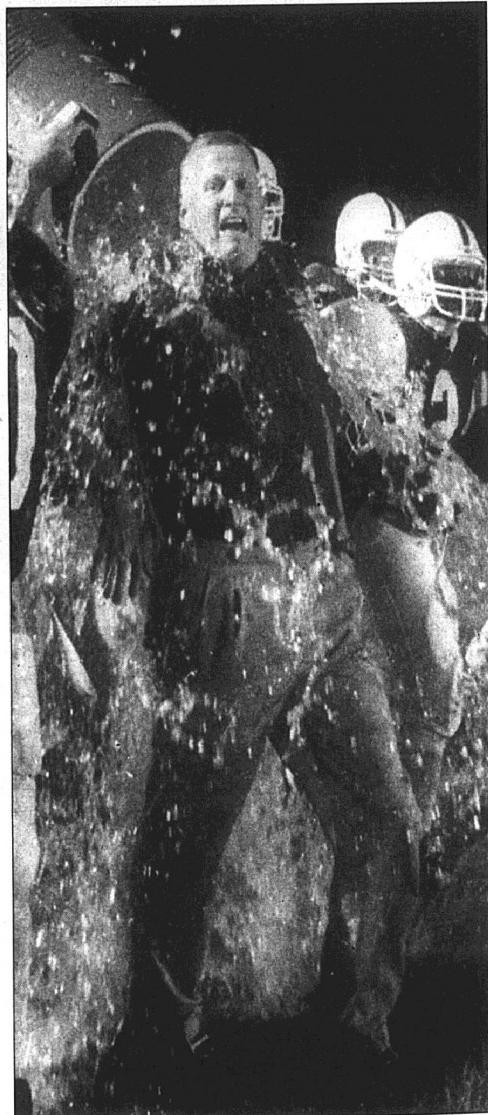
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John Swistak Jr. photos

The Collinsville football team dragged down East St. Louis (above) during regular-season action this fall en route to an 8-2 campaign. The Kahoks won their first eight games and finished second in the Southwestern Conference, giving Tim Kane's team reason to celebrate (right).



Collinsville boys' sports season was memorable

1998-99 school year accented by numerous strong programs, team and individual feats

By Brian Bretsch
Staff writer

The Collinsville High graduating class of 1999 will have plenty to talk about at its reunions.

The boys sports teams gave the school plenty to cheer about throughout the year.

The Kahoks football team started the school year in fine fashion. The Kahoks raced to an 8-0 record, including a victory over East St. Louis, for the best start in school history. Collinsville's first loss was a 7-6 decision against Edwardsville in the season-

finale that decided the Southwestern Conference title.

Collinsville hosted a playoff football game for the first time, but lost the IHSA Class

5A first-round game with East St. Louis.

The Collinsville soccer

team, the winningest soccer program in the Metro East in the 1990s, made a postseason tournament run to the super-sectional and came

within one game of qualifying for the IHSA Class AA quarterfinals. The Kahoks had won state titles in 1991 and 1992, finished second in 1996 and third in 1993.

During the winter, senior Ken Lutz became the first two-time state-place winner in the history of the Kahoks wrestling program. Lutz, who wrestled at

215 pounds, finished fourth as junior and finished sixth this season.

Collinsville sophomore

**Collinsville
hosted a play-off football game for the first time this past season.**

Terry Tessary led the Metro East in 3-pointers during the boys basketball season. Tessary drained 80 treys, led the Kahoks in scoring and to the IHSA Class AA regional championship game. Senior Shaun Moore completed his prep career with 999 points, 21st all-time in CHS history.

In boys track and field, John Kinscherff established two new school records. Kinscherff broke his own 1-year-old school record in the 300-meter intermediate hurdles.

He teamed with Chris Clewis, Chris Melm and Brad Terry to break a 30-

year-old mark in the 4x400-meter relay.

In baseball, the Kahoks recorded their seventh straight 20-victory season for coach Steve McFall, who posted his 200th career victory and then became the school's winningest baseball coach.

Lutz, one of the Metro East's top prep baseball players, climbed the charts of the state's career best in three key offensive categories.

The pitcher/first baseman became moved into the IHSA's top 10 for career home runs, runs batted in and hits.

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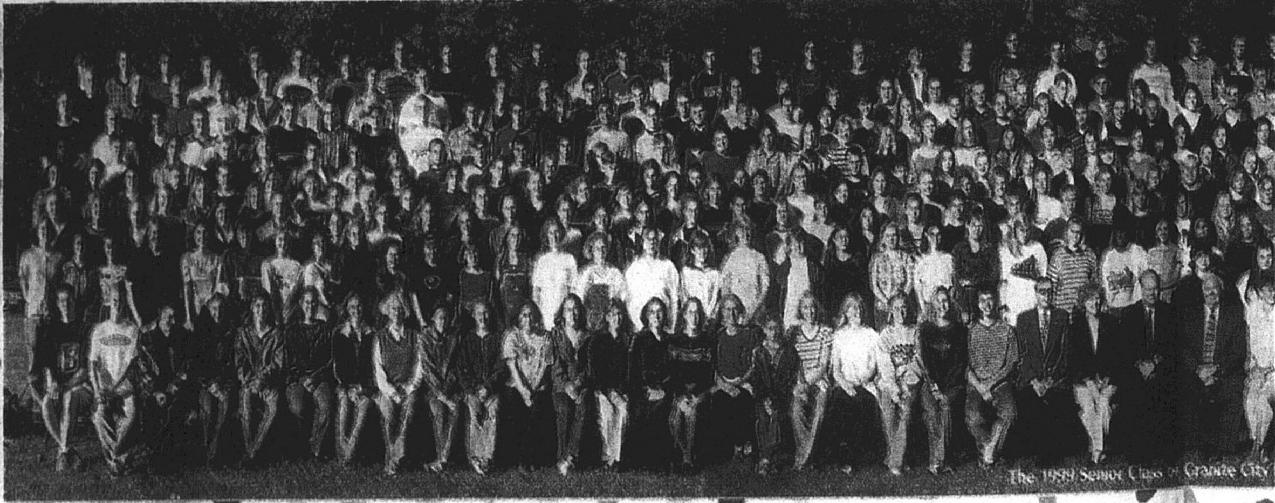
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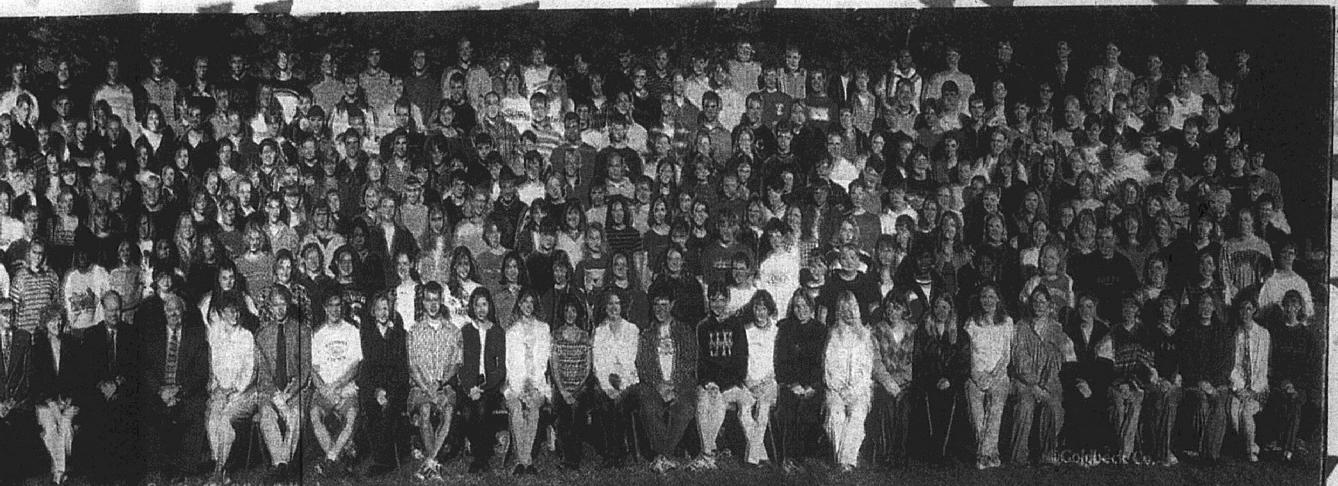
The 1999 Senior Class, Granite City

Presenting The 1999 Graduating Class



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1989 Senior Class, Granite City High School

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Collinsville girls had good chemistry

Volleyball,
basketball,
soccer strong

By Brian Bretsch
Staff writer

Good chemistry helped the Collinsville High girls athletic programs field many successful teams during the 1998-99 school year.

The Kahoks volleyball team, led by twin sisters Adrienne and Lauren Norbury along with Autumn Dow, had its second straight winning season.

Collinsville swimmer Elizabeth Hug made a splash by qualifying for two events at the IHSA Class AA state meet.

The Collinsville basketball team, however, put together the most successful season in the history of the girls program.

Led by Dow, the Kahoks posted a team-record 22 victories and reached the championship game of the IHSA Class AA Salem Sectional before losing

to Salem, which went on to upset East St. Louis and earn a berth in the IHSA state tournament. Collinsville finished tied for second in the

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The Collinsville girls soc-



John Swistak Jr. photos

Collinsville fans cheered on the football team to many victories this season.

Southwestern Conference Dow, a senior, led all

Metro East players in scoring this season with 705 points — a new school record. She broke seven school records, including the program's career scoring mark.

cer team was in search of its second straight IHSA state tournament appearance with Cara LeMaster, Amara Kirksey and goaltenders Angie Parker and Stacy DeLuca leading the way. Collinsville made a bid for the Southwestern Conference race, splitting two games with Belleville East and losing to no other Metro East team during the regular season. The Kahoks entered the postseason seeded second behind the Lancers in the sectional.



John Swistak Jr. photos

Autumn Dow set seven school records in girls basketball during her career, including most points in a season and a career.

Granite City boys will remember ups and downs of the season

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spring by Kevin Atkins, who proved he was one of the best 1,600-meter runners in the Metro East by winning the event at the Southwestern Conference meet.

Sophomore Andy Balcer was one

of the Southwestern Conference's top singles players in boys tennis while senior Tim Knowlton helped the Warriors lineup be competitive in the spring.

The Granite City boys basketball team had a fast start, including an appearance in the consolation

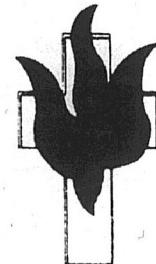
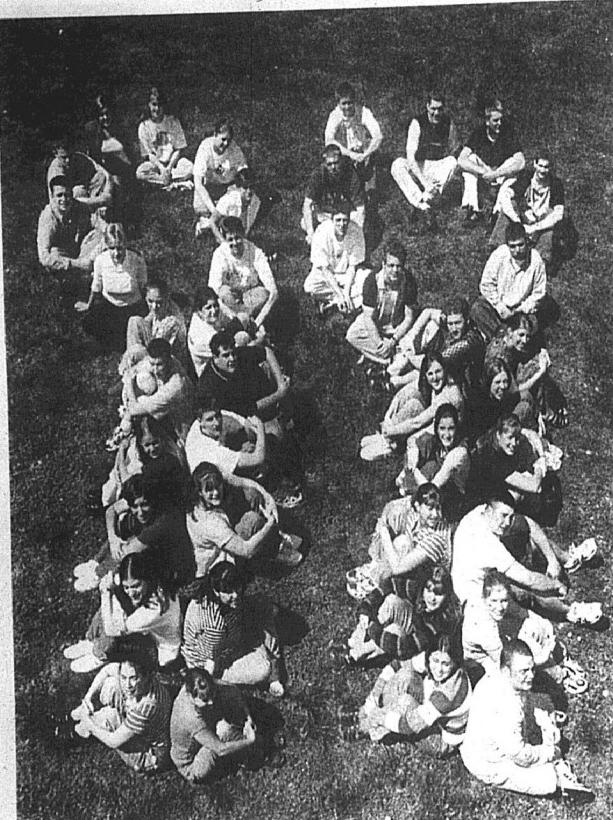
championship at the 16-team Collinsville/Schnucks Holiday Classic, before struggling down the stretch in the Southwestern Conference.

The Warriors' season ended with a regional final loss to East St. Louis.

The basketball team had a fast start, including an appearance at the Collinsville/Schnucks Holiday Classic.

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Remember this: wear sunscreen

A few words of wisdom for new graduates

Ladies and gentlemen:
Wear sunscreen.
If I could offer you only
one tip for the future, sun-
screen would be it. The
long-term benefits of sun-
screen have been proved by
scientists, whereas the rest
of my advice has no basis
more reliable than my own
meandering experience. I
will dispense this advice
now.

Enjoy the power and
beauty of your youth.
Oh, never mind. You
will not understand the
power and beauty of
your youth until they've
faded. But trust me, in
20 years, you'll look
back at photos of your-
self and recall in a way
you can't grasp now
how much possibility
lay before you and how
fabulous you really
looked. You are not as
fat as you imagine.

Don't worry about the
future. Or worry, but
know that worrying is as
effective as trying to solve an
algebra equation by chewing
bubble gum. The real trou-
bles in your life are apt to be
things that never crossed
your worried mind, the kind
that blindsides you at 4 p.m.
on some idle Tuesday.

Do one thing every day
that scares you.

Sing.

Don't be reckless with
other people's hearts. Don't
put up with people who are
reckless with yours.

Floss.

Don't waste your time on
jealousy. Sometimes you're
ahead, sometimes you're
behind. The race is long
and, in the end, it's only
with yourself.

Remember compliments
you receive. Forget the
insults. If you succeed in
doing this, tell me how.

Keep your old love let-
ters. Throw away your old
bank statements.

Stretch.

Don't feel guilty if you
don't know what you want
to do with your life. The
most interesting people I
know didn't know at 22
what they wanted to do
with their lives. Some of
the most interesting 40-
year-olds I know still don't.

Don't worry about the
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that blindsides you at 4 p.m.
on some idle Tuesday.

Get plenty of calcium.
Be kind to your knees.
You'll miss them when
they're gone.

Maybe you'll marry,
maybe you won't. Maybe
you'll have children, maybe
you won't. Maybe you'll
divorce at 40, maybe you'll
dance the funky chicken on
your 75th wedding anniver-
sary. Whatever you do,
don't congratulate yourself
too much, or berate your-
self either. Your choices
are half chance. So are
everybody else's.

Enjoy your body. Use it
every way you can. Don't
be afraid of it or of what
other people think of it. It's
the greatest instrument
you'll ever own.

Dance, even if you have
nowhere to do it but your
living room.

Read the directions, even

if you don't follow them.

Do not read beauty mag-
azines. They will only make
you feel ugly.

Get to know your par-
ents. You never know when
they'll be gone for good. Be
nice to your siblings.
They're your best link to
your past and the people
most likely to stick with
you in the future.

Understand that friends
come and go, but
with a precious few
you should hold on.
Work hard to
bridge the gaps in
geography and
lifestyle, because
the older you get,
the more you need
the people who
knew you when you
were young.

Live in New
York City once, but
leave before it
makes you hard.
Live in Northern
California once, but
leave before it

makes you soft. Travel.

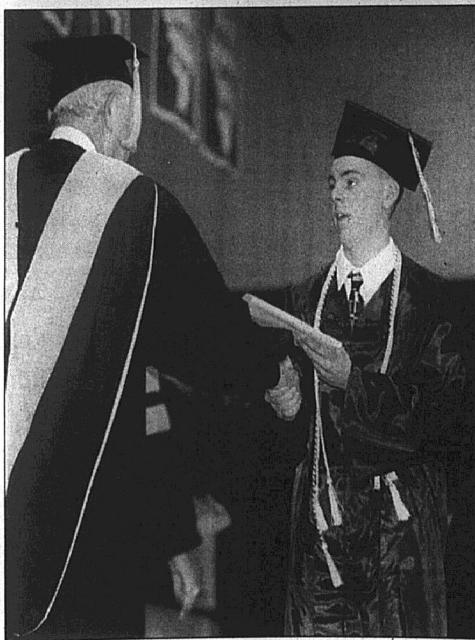
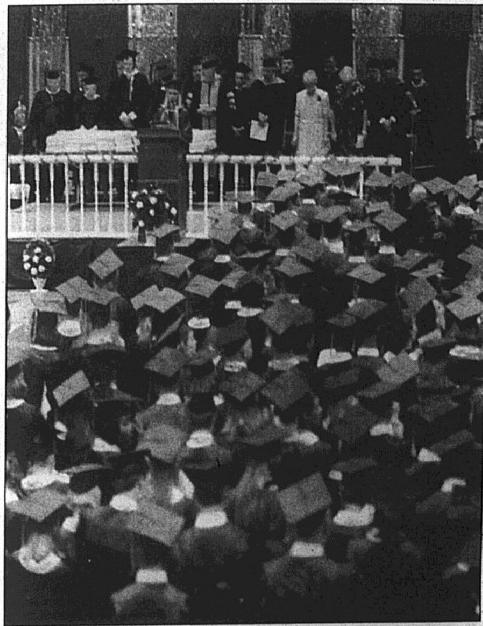
Accept certain inalien-
able truths: Prices will
rise. Politicians will philan-
der. You, too, will get old.
And when you do, you'll
fantasize that when you
were young, prices were
reasonable, politicians were
noble and children respect-
ed their elders.

Respect your elders.

Don't expect anyone else
to support you. Maybe you
have a trust fund. Maybe
you'll have a wealthy
spouse. But you never know
when either one might run
out.

Don't mess too much
with your hair or by the
time you're 40 it will look
85.

Be careful whose advice
you buy, but be patient with
those who supply it. Advice
is a form of nostalgia.



John Swistak Jr. photos

(Top) Collinsville High School senior class president Kara Wolters gives the invocation during 1998 commencement ceremonies.

(Above) Christopher Bensken receives his diploma.

Dispensing it is a way of
fishing the past from the
disposal, wiping it off,
painting over the ugly parts
and recycling it for more
than it's worth.

But trust me on the sun-
screen.

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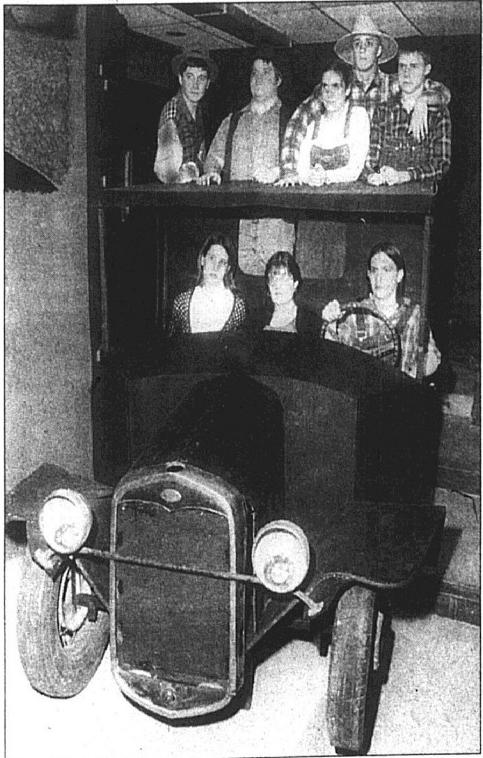
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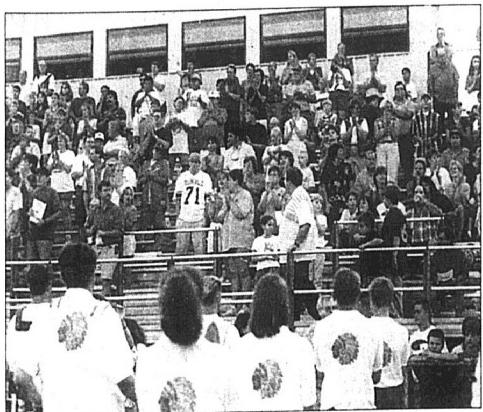
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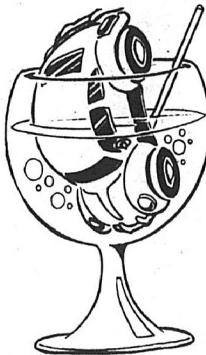


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(Clockwise from top left) Cast members for the Collinsville High production of "Beverly Hillbillies"; the Collinsville High Homecoming court; the Granite City High band gives its team a team boost; Granite City High School pom squad; a supportive crowd at a Collinsville football game.

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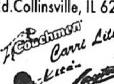
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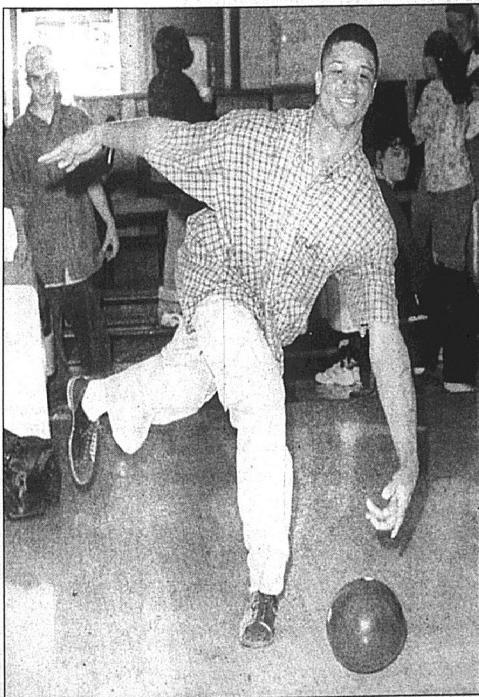
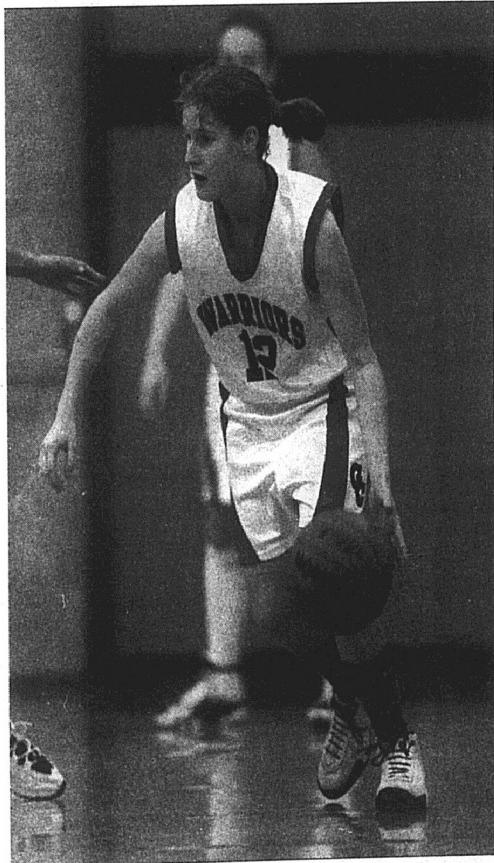
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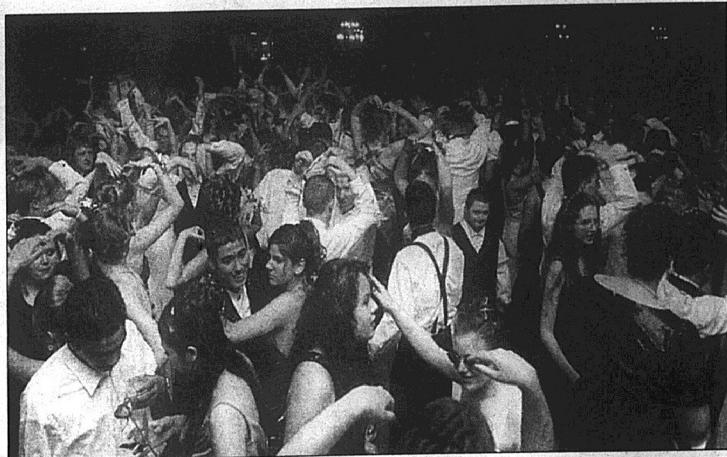
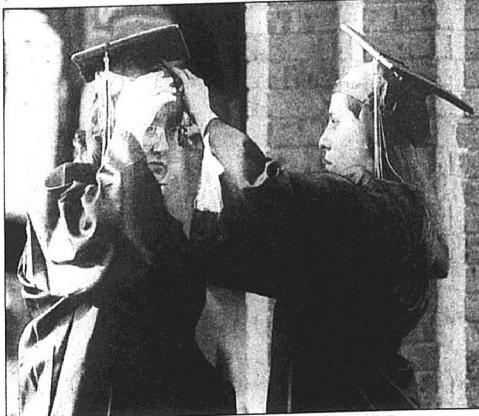

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Scenes from the 1998-99 school year

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(Clockwise from top) CHS senior Leon Michael of Collinsville bowls during the after-prom party; dancing the night away at the Collinsville prom; CHS seniors Adrienne Norbury and Chris Melm are crowned queen and king; Jamey Haynes, right, helps Amanda Beshears prepare for the CHS graduation.

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